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How teaching and learning are changing at Wartburg

by Ferol Menzel
Dean of the Faculty

As Wartburg College positions itself in a changing educational environment, consider the experiences of three 2010 graduates.

- Christina Sloan majored in physics and biochemistry, studied colorblindness and optics in summer research in biophysics at the Medical College of Wisconsin and contributed to a publication in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. She is pursuing an M.D./Ph.D. at the University of Iowa.
- Jordan Paulus majored in economics and mathematics. He was the recipient of a John Culver Wooddy Scholarship, passed the first three actuary exams and completed internships at two prominent corporations.
- Ngaire Honey majored in Spanish, studied in Mexico and Brazil and traveled to Nicaragua for a service trip. She is pursuing a master's degree in Latin American studies.

These students benefited from new facilities, changing technology and curriculum and new teaching methods designed to meet the needs of 21st century learners.

This edition examines the influence of technology in articles on cyberspace and convergence. Changes in technology can be seen in restructured classrooms; course management and student-response systems; and electronic presentations embedded with video files, images, and audio files. Students can now find beautiful electronic replicas of human anatomy and 3D models of molecules; computer science students explore programming and virtual reality; and students in astronomy look at the galaxy through a state-of-the art observatory.

In addition to the variety of majors and minors available to Wartburg students, "living your learning" provides unique opportunities outside the classroom and the campus. Undergraduate research is an inquiry that makes an intellectual or creative contribution to the discipline, reinforcing critical thinking and writing, and providing practice in making informed decisions and appropriate conclusions.

"Undergraduate research was one of my greatest experiences at Wartburg," Sloan has written, adding, "Through my work I was afforded the amazing opportunity of going to two scientific conferences and experiencing firsthand the collaborative exchange of scientific ideas."

Paulus' final May Term internship was spent "working for an economic research and investment firm based on St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands. My varieties of internship experiences helped me land a position with a large health and benefits consulting firm."

Service-learning is another exciting venture. Dr. Dan Kittle, director of the Center for Community Engagement, cites three primary benefits: "Students making lasting positive changes in communities," "they develop the ability to lead and relate to others through a process that requires making meaning out of new ideas, emotions, issues and values" and there is the opportunity "for students to discern their vocation."

In Leadership Education, students make their communities better through public action, earning a Leadership Education Certificate by weaving together coursework and leadership experience.

The article on POGIL (process oriented guided inquiry learning) suggests one way that research on learning and cognition has influenced the way we teach at Wartburg. Drs. Timothy Ewest and Scott Fullwiler describe a new minor in social entrepreneurship, and Dr. Brian Jones discusses the challenges of teaching about the relationship between science and religion.

These articles reflect changes in the curriculum as faculty respond to the needs of our communities.

There is much more to tell about the educational experience at Wartburg College. As you read this issue you will catch a glimpse of what is happening today on campus, and how this academic community adapts to advances in technology and learning with an eye to the future.

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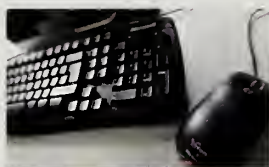
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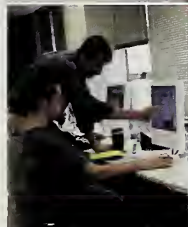
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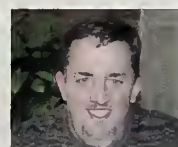
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Adapting education to the times

The vision of Wartburg's founders continues to provide a blueprint for the future

by Dr. Darrel Colson
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When I was asked to write about the future of education at Wartburg, I began to think about some of those things that attracted me to Wartburg in the first place.

First of all, there is in this place an unshakable confidence in our mission and the positive effect it has on our students. Second, and almost as striking, is the uncanny ability to adapt that mission to circumstances.

Some might say that dual quality of absolute confidence in our foundational commitments coupled with a willingness, even an eagerness, to adjust and adapt how we apply them dates back to our founder, Georg Grossmann, and his mentor, Wilhelm Löhe.

In Neuendettelsau, where Pastor Löhe's vision still holds sway, where some institutions he founded almost 200 years ago still exist, people are fond of saying his unshakable principles always addressed problems faced by real people.

As an example, he responded to the plight of unmarried women in an imaginative way. Because employment opportunities were unavailable to them, Löhe created a community of deaconesses who could provide mutual support to one another while serving others. This diaconal institution still exists and employs more than 5,200 people. Many are disabled and would have no other prospects for meaningful work.

One sees that very same dual nature throughout the college's history. The college has always held firm to its commitment to prepare young people for meaningful lives. When Wartburg's catalog first began talking of mission in 1959, it said essentially the same things as it says today:

Within the framework of a liberal arts curriculum thus motivated and administered in a positive Christian environment, the College aims to train young men and women for service and leadership in church and community. To this end, it prepares young men who have the Lutheran ministry in view for entrance into the theological seminary; it offers specialized training to young women who wish to serve as parish workers; it trains social workers on the undergraduate level; it trains young men and women for the teaching profession and for business; and offers pre-professional training for various other secular professions.

Note the anticipation of the pillars of our current mission statement: Within the curricular framework of liberal learning and the formative texture of faith, the college aimed to train young men and women for lives of service and leadership. Note, too, the same concern for usefulness and careers, the urge to live out one's learning that still animates the college today: seminary, parish work, social work, teaching, business and "various other secular professions."

That combination of steadfastness in mission, confidence in the capacity of liberal education to shape meaningful lives and nimble response to the dynamic world is what makes Wartburg the best college I've ever been associated with.

Within the past 15 or so years, the concept of "service-learning" has taken hold of higher education. Administrators and faculty have "discovered" that embedding service in the curriculum can produce educational benefit.

During the last 10 years or so, the American Association of Colleges and Universities has "learned" that employers want to hire graduates with the skills of critical thought, clear expression, literacy, and problem-solving. They have proven that graduates who know about the human and natural world, who take



Dr. Darrel Colson

responsibility for their communities and who reason and act ethically become good citizens and good employees.

Wartburg has known these things for generations.

In 10 years, the educational process at Wartburg will have three key characteristics: integrative learning, attention to vocation and careful mentoring. These are at the heart of our new strategic plan; they were at the heart of our strategic plan in the 1980s.

By integrative learning, I mean that we integrate classroom teaching with experiential learning. That might take the form of undergraduate research in a lab here or elsewhere; it might take the form of an internship or, perhaps, field experience in a foreign country.

We have known the value to students of living their learning for many years; the options are manifold and will change with the times. In the 1950s, "journalism" students published a newspaper; in 2010, the "communication arts" students publish a newspaper, manage a radio station, produce television programs, maintain an Internet presence where their media converge into an award-winning website, "The Circuit."

We responded to the desire of students to study engineering within the interdisciplinary environment of a liberal arts college by building a major in engineering science; we responded to the need for nurses and other health care professionals by establishing a strong connection with Allen College and developing multiple routes for students to follow between our institutions.

When I look to 2020, I don't know exactly what we'll be teaching, what vocations our students will be testing or how we will stay connected to them. We will remain firmly grounded in the liberal arts and in the faith, of course, but much else is an adventure to be lived.

In 1959, I don't think anyone was really sure whether computer science was a worthwhile topic to study. In 1980, I doubt any of us imagined that students might hear the call to work in genetic counseling; in 1990, I'm not sure anyone thought we would be using the World Wide Web as a dominant means of gathering and disseminating information.

I do know the college will continue to adapt to changing circumstances with innovation and imagination; that it will keep uppermost the valuable role that integration, vocation and mentoring play in challenging and nurturing young people for meaningful lives.

I commend to you the articles in this issue. You will see the spark and feel the crackle of the new ideas that faculty are testing and adopting. You will get a glimpse of what makes me so confident that Wartburg's best days are before us.

Planning for the future

Commission on Mission: Affirming the Mission, Ensuring its Impact

by Janeen Stewart

At Homecoming in October 2007, the Wartburg College Board of Regents announced Commission on Mission, a strategic planning initiative designed to engage Wartburg alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students in an examination of the college's mission and its effectiveness in living out that mission.

During the past three years, more than 1,500 people on campus and around the country have explored the central concepts in Wartburg's mission leadership, service, faith and learning through a variety of oral and written feedback opportunities. The recommendations will provide the foundation for a new institutional strategic plan to be unveiled at Homecoming 2010.

Phase I (2007-08): More than 250 alumni and friends participated in 15 summit meetings held across the country. Four commission task forces were convened – leadership, service, faith and learning – to review the summit reports, plan symposia and develop recommendations.

Phase II (2008-09): During the Year of Mission, each task force hosted symposia and special events to educate and engage students, faculty, staff, alumni and other constituent groups in the celebration and examination of the mission. Each task force also developed reports and recommendations.

Phase III (2009-10): The Board of Regents received the task force recommendations at Homecoming 2009 and initiated a strategic planning process to begin development of values, vision and goals. To ensure continuity with the first two phases of the commission process, the board appointed members of the Commission on Mission Steering Committee to continue work as the Strategic Planning Committee of the Board.

During the next six months, the SPC asked internal and external constituent groups to review the reports and plan drafts, providing feedback online, via e-mail and in meetings and workshops. The board reviewed progress in February and May. During the summer, the SPC worked to finalize the plan. President Darrel Colson also worked with the cabinet and other campus leaders to develop metrics to measure success.

Following approval of the final strategic plan at the board meeting in October, President Colson will ask the vice presidents to engage their respective divisions in the implementation phase, starting with identification of specific action items and necessary human, financial and physical resources to achieve the goals and objectives of the plan.

To view Wartburg's new strategic plan, go to www.wartburg.edu/president after Oct. 25 and click on the strategic plan link. Printed copies will be available upon request.

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Cyberspace connection

Online courses allow students to attend Wartburg while at home during the summer

by Saul Shapiro

Wartburg College took the online course plunge three summers ago. That pool promises to get wider and deeper.

"We started the online courses in the summer because many of our students return home and take community college courses that they transfer back to Wartburg," said Dr. Ferol Menzel, dean of the faculty. "We wanted to give them the opportunity to take Wartburg courses so that they can make progress toward their degree and have the benefit of our curriculum and teaching."

Dr. Penni Pier, associate professor of communication arts and recently named department chair, was a skeptical recruit to teach online at first, but a convert now.

"As a person who had studied interpersonal communication and personal rhetoric as a classically trained rhetorician, I was very reluctant to teach online studies, incredibly reluctant. And there are still some classes that I don't think should be replicated online," Pier said. "But if it's done right it can be just as effective."

During the summer Pier taught Introduction to Women's Studies, Gender and Sexuality and Crisis Communication.

"I'm completely online (during the summer)," she said. "That's just an evolution on my part. Our kids go home for the summer because they have to work, and online instruction is asynchronous, which means whatever time of the day suits you, then you go to class."

Taking classes during the summer not only helps students who are working, but others who may want to do an academic-year internship, catch up on credits or have a more flexible schedule.

It is still a lot of work — for the instructor and the student.

"No doubt about it," said Dr. Fred Ribich, professor of psychology and director of institutional research and assessment. "It takes a great deal of time and thought to convert a face-to-face class to an online offering."

"I have taught Psychology 101 for nearly 35 years, and this has been almost like starting over. You have to put yourself in the place of a student who is sitting in front of a computer trying to comprehend and learn from what you are providing. It is challenging to figure out what will work well in the online learning environment."

Pier, in her third summer of online teaching, designs her courses with links to websites and online magazine articles, YouTube and other videos and chatroom topics.

"I may want them to find a website that's dedicated to violence prevention," she said, "and I want them to think about their own community, and how they can stem violence in their community. They have to read these articles. I ask questions, and they have to answer. I can come in and provide immediate feedback."

Pier added, "During the BP oil spill, I asked them what they should do as a corporation, and then (President) Obama's speech about BP came out. So I had a discussion question, 'If you're the PR team for BP, how do you handle this? What do you do? What constituencies do you need to reach?' They really got into that one a lot."

Ribich worries about communication.

"It is the difference between attending a live concert and listening to a CD of the music," he said, "or the difference between reading a play and being at a live performance of that play. The communication and 'connection' that you can feel — for better or for worse — with face-to-face contact just cannot be reproduced very effectively in an online course."

Dr. Susan Vallem, professor of social work and department chair, believes online courses "work well for classes that are primarily information or learning focused, but not for classes that require hands-on, experiential learning in a classroom setting."

In her course "students are still asked to apply the course learning to their own experiences and future profession. They also have a research paper on a topic related to their interest or future profession."

Dr. Tim Ewest, assistant professor of business administration, taught online at the University of Alaska Southeast in Ketchikan before coming to Wartburg, where he has taught online courses during three summers.

"It's a ton of work" for instructors, he said, but for students there's no place to hide.

"Students have to come to (discussion) threads, exams, etcetera, well read and prepared," Ewest said. "They also can't hide in the class. They have to participate in the weekly or daily postings. The upside is that you can really see what everyone is thinking and where they are at."



"We have received some anecdotal feedback that students appreciate the opportunity to take Wartburg classes online."

Dr. Ferol Menzel

Pier discovered another upside last November while returning from a conference.

"I didn't cancel class," she said. "We're in a virtual world. I was waiting in Union Station in Chicago to get a train back. I was stuck for four hours over my class time. They have free wireless at Union Station — and I knew that — so before I went I prepared to go online while waiting for my train. It was all preplanned."

Menzel anticipates expanding online offerings with two goals in mind — putting all summer courses online and inviting students not enrolled full-time at Wartburg.

Ewest advocates getting deeper into an increasingly competitive fray.

"In the near future it would be good to consider which classes are suited for online delivery and begin migrating some courses to an online format. It would allow our residential students to learn at their own pace," he said.

"We also should consider offering industry training, certificates and even degrees online. I understand that there is a significant amount of money to be made in online education. But as a college, I think it is responsible for us to get involved, not only because it is a viable way to teach and learn but, more importantly, it is where our students spend their time.

"If we and other quality institutions don't occupy that space, others of less noble intentions will."

"For the professor who wants to build quality into her or his course, it is a ton of work to develop and maintain."

Dr. Tim Ewest



"Online students have ownership of their own education, whatever the internal motivation is for them to do well in class."

Dr. Penni Pier

"The synchronicity and spontaneity of teaching and learning are optimal in the live classroom. You can try to reproduce these online ... but it is not quite the same."

Dr. Fred Ribich



"Online classes are not any less work for students or faculty, but are structured to put more time responsibility on the students."

Dr. Susan Valforn

'C' word in the media is 'convergence'

Wartburg among the leaders in cross-platform trends with the Circuit, coursework

by Saul Shapiro

It's a new media world, where Web 1.0 begat Web 2.0 (social media) with Web 3.0 lurking in the cyberspace nursery; "ink-stained wretches" have given way to MMJs (multimedia journalists) and MoJos (mobile journalists); and journalists strive to convey the essence of their stories in 140-character Twitter tweets.

So what's a college communication arts department to do, when mainstream media is having trouble grappling with the trends?

Four years ago, Wartburg College hired Cliff Brockman, who had a 32-year career in broadcast journalism, including 20 in TV largely as a news director, and gave him a charge.

"They said, 'Do something with 'convergence,'" Brockman recalled.

"What do you want me to do?" he replied.

"We don't know. It's your thing," Brockman said he was told.

The meaning of "convergence" continues to be somewhat elusive, but it is basically delivering news or information in different formats on varied media platforms. Newscasts migrate to websites with additional footage and text; newspapers use video online to complement print pieces.

"The first thing I did was to meet with the students and the faculty and do some brainstorming," Brockman said. "What came out of that in terms of the student media was a converged website, the Circuit, although there were three failed attempts."

On the fourth try, in 2008-09 under the guidance of Web-savvy student Spencer Albers '10, a multimedia website eventually emerged housing the work of reporters from the *Trumpet* newspaper, Wartburg television and KWAR radio news with original content as well. In addition, it hosts various student organizations.

Brockman said the first order of business was to get students involved in cross-platform projects.



Dr. Jeff Stein



Cliff Brockman helps Joe Muldoon '10, a business major and communication arts minor, develop a website during his May Term Online Journalism course.

"For instance," he said, "we had a student, Duane Trimble, who would do stories for KWAR, but also would do stories for the *Trumpet*. And we had someone doing that for TV, too. We'd give them the credit in the newspaper as a KWAR or WTV8 reporter."

"We tried to incorporate it into the classroom as well, and some things already were being done. In my classes, I was teaching a unit on online journalism -- basic online writing, headline writing, blurbs -- that kind of stuff. Some students want to do graphics, some want to do interactive maps. ... I require text, video, photos, photo text and photo gallery, blogs and the layered story on the page. And they also do Facebook discussions."

"It's not just me," Brockman adds. "It's kind of a mentality in the department. I know that the other professors are doing things as well. I know that Jeff (Stein) does quite a few things with online stuff, particularly in his political reporting class."

"The Political Reporting course I taught in Fall 2007 focused on the 2008 caucuses. Students gathered information and presented it on radio, television, in print and online," said Stein, R.J. McElroy chair and executive-in-residence in communication arts. "The radio and

TV programs that examined the issues won state and regional awards for political coverage. The concept was that a single reporter -- or group, or class -- would gather information and then relay it to the various audiences in a variety of ways."

Wartburg's emphasis on convergence has gained considerable notice.

The Associated Collegiate Press gave the Circuit its highest honor, the Pacemaker award, for online journalism, and it's twice been cited by the Iowa College Media Association as "Best Online Edition." Brockman has given numerous regional and national presentations and has written on the topic for the Journal of Media Education and online sites.

In his presentation to the Broadcast Education Association in Las Vegas in April 2010, though, Brockman admitted he doesn't know where things are headed. "You're reading the same stuff as I do," he said. "You're making the same guesses I am. Who knows?"

"What I stress to the students is the reporting and the writing. If you have that it doesn't matter what platform you use. And then you have to think in terms of multiple media, of course. That's what's going to change -- what the multiple media will be. But the reporting and writing is not going to change."

Stein agrees. "As opposed to those who think that the Web is the be-all and end-all," Stein said, "I maintain that people will look to the traditional news source they trust -- a set of call letters, the name of a newspaper -- and then branch out to that entity's Web presence for information."

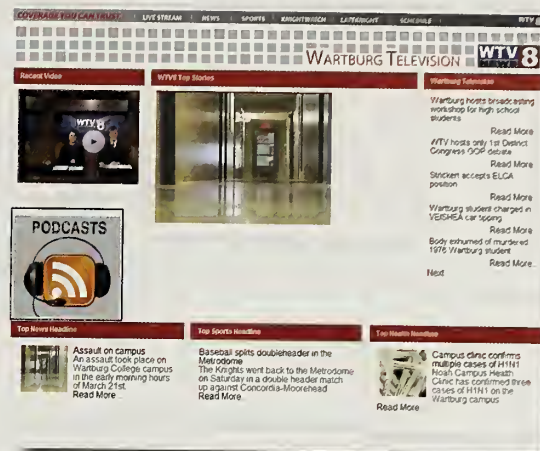
Stein has had his WTV reporters post both video and text. "We require our WTV students to create Web versions of stories for posting to www.WartburgTV.org to not only extend our brand and serve our audience, but to also help them develop their skill set."

As for the technology, Wartburg is striving to stay ahead of the game.

"Traditionally, colleges lag behind," Brockman said. "I'd like to think that here we're out front. Look at the equipment we have for a small college. We have a TV studio and had NLEs (nonlinear editing) long before I got here. We have better stuff than many TV stations."

"But where is it headed? I tell a story about a meeting in the early 1990s with Magid (a Cedar Rapids communications consulting firm), and they were predicting that by the end of the century everybody would have a satellite dish on their roof. Everything was going to come through there. No more cable. No more over-the-air signals."

"But nobody was predicting personal computers. The Internet was around, but nobody really was predicting what it was going to be. And now YouTube just had its fifth anniversary, and it seems like it's been around a long time."



Grant Price Studio to be dedicated

The Grant Price Studio will be dedicated in the McElroy Communication Arts Center, Oct. 23 at 11 a.m., during Homecoming. The enhanced television studio is part of the \$1 million digital conversion campaign. More than \$400,000 has been raised to date in that ongoing effort.

The studio honors Price, an Iowa broadcasting legend who died in 2008. He joined the Wartburg communication arts faculty in 1990, receiving emeritus status in 1996. He taught part-time until 2004-05. He also cataloged items in the Archives of Iowa Broadcasting, which he was instrumental in establishing at the Vogel Library.

A communication arts department open house will follow the dedication.

Giving a new meaning to business

Social entrepreneurship minor emphasizes aiding communities

by Saul Shapiro

At the intersection of business administration and community engagement, you'll find social entrepreneurship.

Dr. Scott Fullwiler, associate professor of economics, and Dr. Tim Ewest, assistant professor of business administration, co-direct the Wartburg College program, a minor entering its third year.

The aim, said Fullwiler, is "to attract, foster and grow a new type of business leader" committed to changing how social problems are addressed.

Seven classes are required — one each under the headings of leadership and creativity, plus nonprofit management and

organizational behavior, as well as any two classes dealing with social and environmental issues.

"Lastly," Fullwiler said, "business majors can take the entrepreneurship class, which is an advanced-level class with several pre-requisites, or there is a half-credit course for nonmajors. Finally, they have to do an internship and have to put together a social-venture plan."

“Social entrepreneurship helps solve problems for the long run.”

Fullwiler added a new twist as a Franklin College fellow in Switzerland this summer, teaching Social Impact Investing — possibly the first such course at the undergraduate level — emphasizing social innovation, sustainable communities, carbon

imprints, and community, social and environmental impact and governance issues. It's destined for the Wartburg curriculum.

"It fits Wartburg and social entrepreneurship quite well," Fullwiler said. "Along with helping students design organizations to solve social and environmental problems, a new generation of financiers must be trained to understand the value added to their investments when these problems are addressed. In other words, if we are going to ever scale the impact of social entrepreneurs, someone will have to finance this."

Social entrepreneurship is an emerging discipline, and Wartburg has been an early adopter with the blend of business — its leading major — and its nationally recognized community engagement efforts. Ewest brought his expertise in 2007 after shepherding a similar program at the University of Alaska Southeast in Ketchikan.

He enthusiastically embraces the concept of mixing business and the greater social good. "Entrepreneurs ask," he said, "What's the existing market opportunity that I can exploit?" Social entrepreneurs ask, "What's the existing market opportunity I can exploit that will also help me address social needs?"

"That to me takes the classical objective of returning maximum profit to the shareholder, while now returning maximum benefit to the community. It's happening all over the country at the major universities — Princeton, Harvard, Syracuse, Stanford and now Wartburg are in front. It's really exciting for me to watch."



Waterloo's Hospitality House got a fundraising boost from students in Dr. Timothy Ewest's Nonprofit Management course — (left to right) Anthony Norris '10, Rachel Claman '10, Cole Danielson '11, Rebecca Smith '10, Jordan Sathoff '12 — and singer John Angotti.

In Ewest's Nonprofit Management course he engages the students — via phone and Skype — with such real-world practitioners as Tom Durant, the Oregon-based missionary who founded the EcoCafe in Haiti five years ago to help establish economic self-sufficiency in Haiti by cultivating coffee and selling it worldwide on the Internet. It employs 38 people and is restoring deforested areas.

"Social entrepreneurship helps solve problems for the long run," said Bryce Lahmann '10 of Tripoli. "With the (Wartburg) Holiday Shoppe (in Waverly), we fundraised money, but it was only for that one Christmas. It's not going to help families get a higher income for the rest of their lives.

"Social leadership — like the EcoCafe — gives those people jobs, it helps them get paid. Then all the profits go back to the community to help other people get out of poverty. So it's a long-term fix. It's sustainable."

Finnegans Irish Amber beer in St. Paul, Minn., another class example, follows the "Paul Newman (salad dressing) model" of donating profits.

"They brew beer. They have interns," said Ewest. "They roll the profits into a fund, and the people in the Minneapolis area submit proposals. They give away up to \$550,000 per year. It's very intentional beer drinking.

"These business models are going to be more standard in the next 10 years," he added. "People who have social values are building it into their business models. Organizations that build in sustainable social values will have a competitive advantage."

Ewest's students got experiences helping community organizations during May Term.

To assist the Cedar Valley Hospitality House, which opened in early 2010 as a volunteer-run day shelter for the homeless in Waterloo, students recruited popular Christian singer John Angotti and Festeberg, a Wartburg singing group, to perform at a fundraiser with a silent auction. They raised \$6,000.



Dr. Tim Ewest

"The students learned how to raise funds from donors, market their activity or cause, recruit volunteer support and build capacity in the host organization," Ewest said.

Another group promoted Waverly's Relay For Life, the American Cancer Society walking/running event. The students created a competition between some Bremer County elementary school classes, "Coins for a Cause," that encouraged contributions of loose change. Winning classes received prizes — such as a pizza party — donated by businesses. That raised \$1,300.

One takeaway, said Kyle Vowell '10 of Nashua, was "if you offer something, people are more likely to give."

The students also appealed to their peers with a "Suck for a Buck" campaign, offering to vacuum a residence hall room for \$1. That raised \$140, although some donors were reluctant to have their places cleaned if it meant picking up belongings.

Other students assisted the Bremer County Barn Quilt program — a multigenerational project undertaken with the Bremer County office of Iowa State University Extension and the Waverly Chamber of Commerce to honor the area's rural heritage and generate tourism.

The main fundraising event was Cow Chip Bingo at the Bremer County Fair with "bets" made on the square where a cow would make the winning deposit.

Social entrepreneurship is now part of students' career considerations.

"Companies can actually have it built into their business model, and that's something I hadn't thought about before," said Megan Bienemann '10 of Alburnett. "So when I'm looking for a job I'll take it into consideration."

"It's an important aspect," said Peter Carey-Linskey '10 of Little Canada, Minn., who interned at Finnegans. "Everybody has a responsibility to help somebody next to you, not just to look out for yourself."



Dr. Scott Fullwiler



Molly Wernli '11, Dr. Shawn Ellerbroek, and Dr. Kris DeMali, assistant professor of biochemistry at the University of Iowa (l-r) work together at UI's summer Future in Biomedicine Program.

Setting the bar high for research

Wartburg students have earned a national reputation for the quality of their work

by Saul Shapiro

When a new Science Center was dedicated in 2004, the new facilities and technology available enabled Wartburg College to take an already thriving program to a higher level.

But with technological innovations and subsequent discoveries occurring at a breakneck pace, Wartburg faces new challenges.

"Discoveries are based on technology," said Dr. Roy Ventullo, Burk-Will Chair in Biology and director of undergraduate research. "You need the tools to answer questions you want answered. We have been fortunate at Wartburg to have had good instrumentation to do the things we need to do. Our students are exposed to more sophisticated types of experiments."

Wartburg has embarked on a Tools for Discovery fundraising campaign to upgrade its Science Center equipment. For starters, the chemistry department purchased a gas chromatography system used in analytical chemistry to separate and analyze compounds.

"Our students are exposed to much more sophisticated types of experiments than you could do with a Bunsen burner and beakers," Ventullo said. "We're much, much beyond that. So the analytical tools that we have — whether it's molecular biology, ecology or chemistry — are almost the minimal tools we need to teach the students in the laboratory."

Wartburg's tools have allowed the faculty to raise the bar in the quality of undergraduate research, turning heads at conferences and boosting students' graduate school prospects.

"What we hear on a regular basis," Ventullo said, "whether we go to a meeting or just talk to other faculty members, is 'are those undergraduate students doing that work?'"

They find it hard to believe or are incredulous that we send so many students through these projects, and they get to do these things in the laboratory.

"It's also increasing the number of students who go to graduate school and get into programs that they may not have been able to get into before. Now they have the experience, they know how to do research and they know what the instrumentation does in fairly sophisticated experiments."

In recent years, students in Dr. Shawn Ellerbroek's biochemistry labs have produced compelling results on Rho GTPase enzymes — small proteins that help a cell function properly.

"Overexpression of RhoC is strongly linked to tumor cell metastasis," said Ellerbroek, associate professor of biochemistry. "Our work is investigating how Rho GTPases are turned on and off. The students have presented at large conferences in Washington, San Francisco and New Orleans."

Ellerbroek and student Molly Wernli '11 spent the summer at the University of Iowa's Future in Biomedicine Program, where science faculty from Iowa liberal arts colleges immersed themselves in primary research with an undergraduate student.

"Molly and I were able to throw ourselves full-time into research and propel the ongoing Rho GTPase story toward completion, while uncovering novel directions to take the work this fall," Ellerbroek said. "We also established strong connections with faculty and staff colleagues throughout the College of Medicine and roots for collaborative research in the future."

Science is only one aspect of Wartburg undergraduate research.



Dr. Roy Ventullo works with a Nikon TE2000 Inverted Confocal Microscope purchased with a grant from the Carver Foundation written by Ventullo and Dr. Keith McClung.

"The people over in the social sciences and business are doing undergraduate research, although of a different kind, but it's also getting a lot of recognition," Ventullo said. "One of my goals is to expand undergraduate research. It's not always about instrumentation, but being able to work through problems. It is a much bigger picture than just the sciences."

Wartburg students exhibited a wide range of research at 2009-10 national conferences — studies on breast cancer, the deterioration of cartilage after injuries, color blindness, media convergence, math modeling, flood survivors, respite foster care, spirituality in the workplace, environmental sustainability in developing countries, elder care, workplace ethics and geographic profiling of serial killers.

"For our students, we have to think about our competition," Ventullo said. "How do we place ourselves above them? Undergraduate research, like leadership, distinguishes us. It helps students when they apply to medical schools and other graduate schools. The exposure helps those who go out immediately and get jobs."

"The research makes them better problems solvers: How do you address that? What do you need to fix it? Those skills come out by doing this level of undergraduate research."

Finding the right mix in chemistry

POGIL teaching technique puts emphasis on hands-on learning instead of lectures

by Saul Shapiro

POGIL may sound like some NASA-related acronym, but it's actually very down to earth, although dealing with science and discovery.

Process oriented guided inquiry learning is a National Science Foundation-funded initiative espousing hands-on learning, not "teaching by telling and learning by recall."

What began in 1994 in the chemistry departments at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., and the State University of New York in Stony Brook, has migrated to Wartburg College, where assistant professors of chemistry Dr. Leilani Zart, Dr. Jingqiu Hu and Dr. Christine DeVries lead its implementation.

"We are putting the students more in charge of their own learning," Zart said. "So they have to take more ownership of acquiring information and constructing their knowledge."

"We want our students to become critical thinkers," she added. "If we stand in front of the classroom, and all we do is lecture, there's not much time to actually practice in the classroom. ... As an undergraduate in organic (chemistry), I sat in class and acquired information, but I didn't understand a word of it. I had to go outside of class and work on it many, many hours before I could actually understand it."

Zart divides the 80 students in her Organic Chemistry I classes into working groups of four or five.



Students work in small groups during activities in Organic Chemistry I with specific tasks such as manager, recorder, presenter, analyst and technician



Dr. Leilani Zart



Dr. Jingqiu Hu



Dr. Christine DeVries

"We are collaborating within the department, and the more that we're doing this type of pedagogy, the more we'll be getting student buy-in, because whether they like it or not, they're going to be experiencing it within other courses."

— Dr. Christine DeVries

"It's a very structured group environment. They're all responsible for completing the group activity. They all have rotating roles," Zart said. "One is a manager; you have a recorder, who records the answers; you have a presenter, who speaks for the group; you have a strategy analyst, who assesses how the group is functioning; and you might have a technician, who's responsible for manipulating any instrumentation, a model kit, or a calculator or a computer."

The teams are important, Zart said, as students will discover after college.

"They have to work together as a team. They have to make sure everyone is getting it. They have to communicate to get through the activity," she said. "I tell them that in the workplace it will be required for them to work in teams, so they'll just have to do it. They won't always like the people they work with. What better way to figure that out than in the classroom, where they don't have the potential to be fired?"

Then Zart turns traditional learning on its head.

"In traditional learning, a lot of times we will introduce terms first, and then ask them to explore," she said. "We're switching the order and asking them to explore something before any terms have been introduced."

"For instance, given a model of ethane (two carbons and six hydrogen atoms), students are asked to explore the different conformations that can arise by rotation about the carbon-carbon bond. In other words, how do the hydrogen atoms on each carbon align with respect to each other looking down the carbon-carbon bond?"

"They have to show me the two different ways they can see the hydrogen atoms aligning. Then I give the two different terms they can apply to these conformations — the staggered and the eclipsed. Which term do they think represents the staggered? Which one represents the eclipse? They need to apply what they've learned in the exploration phase and apply it to the terms being introduced and put them together."

Students don't go into these activities "cold turkey," she said. "They use the knowledge they already have to figure out what a given model means and then apply what has been learned."

Zart uses the Qwizdom system to determine if students understand the concepts. Multiple-choice questions are flashed on a screen, and students use "clickers" to answer. Zart assesses the responses, then addresses misconceptions.

Students help Zart write POGIL activities and make observations. She also uses a supplemental instructor.

A 2006 American Chemistry Society study of more than 600 students at six institutions indicated 80 percent who went through POGIL liked it, compared to 50 percent in traditional lectures.

Preliminary Wartburg data indicates POGIL has enhanced learning.

"You'll see a larger percentage of students in the lower part of the class in regard to non-POGIL questions," Zart said, "and more students are skewed toward the upper end of the class on the POGIL-related questions."

"It's a form of active learning," Hu said. "It encourages students' participation, improves students' problem-solving skill, and promotes peer-learning and team-working. Students have rated POGIL the most helpful activity in the classroom in their midterm feedback sheets."

Biology major Rexford Davidson '12 from Johnston, Iowa, called it "beneficial in terms of reinforcing subject matter."

"While we may not have needed as much structure in terms of group positions, it still was helpful to both teach and learn from our peers in a way that required each student to take the initiative to conceptualize the material," he stated. "This type of activity could greatly increase the overall understanding of the material within any given course."

Sydney LaRue '12, a biology major from Dubuque with chemistry and Spanish minors, liked the concept, but not the teams. "That part made me feel like I was in first grade again, because we apparently do not know how to work together."

POGIL requires the professors to keep on learning.

"Early on when I tried it in organic chemistry, there might have been some things that didn't work," Zart said. "But that's OK because I'm learning, and they're learning, and we can just back up and say let's clarify some things. You have to be extremely flexible."

Hu agrees. "The most challenging part is designing an activity that is 'just right' to provide proper information, length and good questions for students to work on. It takes a lot of time to write the activity, and you keep modifying it after you've tried it in the classroom."

Theology under construction

Course challenges students to rethink their perceptions of God

by Saul Shapiro

Science and technology are unlocking many secrets about life and the universe. Dr. Brian Jones' Science and Religion course helps students reflect how new scientific knowledge affects religious beliefs.

It's a daunting topic. Consider the exercise of pretending to be God and designing the universe in a classroom activity entitled "The Speculation Game."

"If you were creating a world, how would you do it? What would your motives be? How would you make life?" asked Jones, an associate professor of religion.

Students ponder those questions and discuss the implications of their answers.

For instance, Jones said, "If your God is too involved pulling strings, it's not a free world any more. If it's not a free world, then it's not truly different from God; it's simply an expression of God's own being."

The course examines cosmology, quantum mechanics and physics, genetics and evolution against the backdrop of "ancient creation stories."

"How did ancient people conceive of the cosmos? What did it look like? How did it work? What were the roles of the gods and humans?" Jones asked.

"Some of the science is mindblowing, such as particle physics," he continued. "Frankly, cosmology has made enormous leaps in the last 20 years. In many ways the Hubble telescope has brought new things to our attention in spectacular ways. So for a person of faith who believes that what science tells us is valid,

you feel like you're scrambling to keep your theology expansive enough, and you feel excitement.

"I'm theologically flexible," Jones added. "If we discover there's a parallel universe or multiuniverses, I'm okay with that. I'm going to adjust my theology to accommodate that because I'm not linked in a literalistic way to the Bible."

Theological flexibility, though, is not universal among his students.

"For a person of faith who believes that what science tells us is valid, you feel like you're scrambling to keep your theology expansive enough, and you feel excitement."

"Some students come in very conservative, almost fundamentalists, and often are hunkered down with their heads covered throughout the course. They're trying not to lose their faith as they perceive it," Jones said. "There are others who come in fairly conservative, but who are open. For them, the course is often a liberating experience, even if it is a bit unsettling.

"As a person of faith, I try to give them resources to reconstruct their faith, to find new ways of thinking about God that fit evolution and Big Bang cosmology and things like that.

"I have had a couple of atheists. For them the challenge is to understand why anyone should care to talk about religion and science. I try to help them see plausible answers to the questions atheists ask of devout Christians, that there are rational grounds for believing in the existence of God, that faith continues to be a reasonable choice, that there are ways of thinking about God that make sense of what we know about the world."

Science and Religion had been taught by science and religion professors working together. Jones, though, went solo during May Term.

"My knowledge of cosmology, astronomy, particle physics, genetics, biology, generally, and evolution has been garnered through reading books and talking to colleagues," he said. "The basic concepts are not all that difficult for a lay person to grasp, although some students may feel overwhelmed. What I bring to the course as a biblical scholar is knowledge of the cosmology of ancient Near Eastern and Egyptian cultures. That's my turf."

He hopes the fruits of his labors are as rewarding for students as for him.

"Some of the best theological thinking I've done has come through considering the interface between science and religion," he said. "It has changed the way I think about God."



Dr. Brian Jones

Strickert leaves Wartburg for Middle East challenges

by Linda Moeller

This fall, instead of gazing out on a sea of faces in his Wartburg College religion classroom, Dr. Fred Strickert marvels at the view of the Old City of Jerusalem from his new home in an olive grove atop the Mount of Olives.

Strickert left Wartburg during the summer to accept a Global Mission position with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

"For a quarter of a century I've been helping students make connections with the global

many trips to Israel and Palestine as part of a popular May Term course on archaeology and the Bible that included work at the Bethsaida Excavations Project off the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. He spent a sabbatical year in the Holy Land in 1995-96, has lived among both Israelis and Palestinians and has written several books based on his interest in the area.

The most recent, *Rachel Weeping: Jews, Christians, and Muslims at the Fortress Tomb*, was published in 2007. Previously, he co-authored

Bethlehem 2000: Past and Present, with Palestinian Pastor Mitri Raheb and collaborated with Bishop Younan on *Witnessing for Peace: In Jerusalem and in the World*. He has been widely quoted on Middle Eastern affairs in the

popular press and has published articles in a variety of scholarly journals.

All of this experience will be helpful in Strickert's role as assistant to the bishop, a position that he anticipates will expand with Younan's recent election as president of the Lutheran World Federation.

"I will help host the numerous dignitaries who visit Jerusalem, assist with speeches and conference papers for the bishop's demanding international speaking schedule, and participate in Jerusalem-based interfaith dialogue with Muslims and Jews, as well with numerous Christian groups," Strickert said.

Gloria Strickert, a diaconal minister in the ELCA, will work closely with her husband in this shared ministry assignment. She has been a staff chaplain at Allen Hospital in Waterloo for the past several years. Because she and Fred will be living on the grounds of Augusta Victoria Hospital, she hopes to continue that work in Jerusalem. She also will play an important role at the church, which is comprised largely of English speakers from around the world who represent a variety of denominations and are in Jerusalem on short- to medium-term assignments.



Dr. Fred Strickert and his wife, Gloria, were commissioned in August for a Global Mission assignment with the ELCA.

"Now it's my turn to move out of my comfort zone for a new and exciting challenge."

community — through May Term travel, semester abroad programs and classroom presentations," said Strickert. "Now it's my turn to move out of my comfort zone for a new and exciting challenge."

Strickert serves as pastor of the English-speaking congregation at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in the heart of the Old City of Jerusalem and as special assistant to the Rev. Munib Younan, bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL).

"After teaching dozens and dozens of sections of Literature of Old and New Testament to first-year Wartburg students, I have the opportunity to expound each Sunday on those same biblical texts in a historic Crusader-era chapel, literally just a stone's throw away from the Church of the Holy Sepulchre," said Strickert.

"I'm especially excited to be working with a newly ordained graduate from Wartburg Seminary and six recent college graduates who will be serving in the ELCA's Young Adult in the Global Mission program."

Jerusalem and the Holy Land are familiar destinations for Strickert. He led students on

"Ours will be a ministry of hospitality to those just passing through — tourists and pilgrims — and those on volunteer or professional assignments away from their permanent residence," Fred explained. "Our goal will be to develop a sense of community and belonging for those temporarily living in a place where different cultures and language and the harsh realities of conflict disrupt the daily routine and provide emotional and physical challenges."

The Strickerts will extend some of that hospitality to Wartburg visitors. Students will visit Jerusalem as part of a 2011 May Term class in the Middle East, and a Wartburg Alumni Tour led by Fred's former colleague, Dr. Chip Bouzard, will stop there in June 2011.

"The tour group will worship with my English congregation and the Arabic congregation on Sunday, June 12, which happens to be Pentecost Sunday," Strickert said. "Everyone will be invited to say the Apostles Creed and Lord's Prayer in their own native language, just like the first Pentecost in Jerusalem."

Overseeing an era of ch

Regents chairman Fred Hagemann helped guide Wartburg through a period of transformation and growth

During his 15 years as chairman of the Wartburg College Board of Regents, Fred Hagemann '67 helped usher in unprecedented transformation, uprooting the school from its "comfort zone."

Hagemann will continue on the board as he has for the past 24 years, but he stepped down as chair in May and was succeeded by Ray McCaskey '65.

Hagemann, a Waverly native and president of State Bank & Trust, was a history major as an undergraduate, while also taking business courses — accounting, finance and management.

"I felt Wartburg had and still has a very good history program," he said. "I had Dr. (Gerhard) Ottersberg at the time. I told my friends I'd pay money to listen to him and, of course, I did pay money ... tuition. He was a big influence."

History also paid an unexpected dividend. Hagemann met his wife, Sue '69, another history major, at Wartburg.

Hagemann's route back to Waverly after graduation was circuitous. He was accepted at the Drake University law school, but a letter from the Selective Service intervened. However, after relinquishing his slot at Drake, he failed his draft physical.

The business expertise and contacts he developed at Wartburg helped him get a job with the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago. He dealt with supervision, regulation and holding companies for four years, before earning an M.B.A. at Drake.

The Hagemanns moved to Waverly in 1972. Fred's father, Carl, an attorney with an interest in banks, needed someone to restructure the holding company after his partner died. What Hagemann envisioned as a two-year stint turned into 38. "We've loved every minute of it," he said.



Fred Hagemann '67 met his wife, the former Sue Childs '69 of Shenandoah, at Wartburg. Both were history majors.

Hagemann had these thoughts about his years as board chair:

When Commission Wartburg began in 2000 you were adamant that Wartburg had to change its ways.

About that time, coincidentally, my daughter was starting to look at colleges. ... We visited colleges in Minnesota and Illinois. ... I came back rather concerned after looking at the programs and the facilities that these schools had. I told the board that it would be a good exercise to look at our competition. I had a concern what the future would look like unless we made some changes. We were comfortable, we were in good shape, there really were no problems, but that doesn't necessarily bode well for the future.

Are you satisfied with the progress made?

I think the commission was a very good exercise. Any time you open yourself up as we did as a commission in such a public way, I think you build a lot trust and ownership from your constituencies. I think all that blended well when we went into the commission campaign.

Are there things that I wish would have happened? Sure. I wish we had a \$100 million endowment. Did I know we'd have an economic crisis? Unfortunately, I had no more inkling of that than anybody else. But we've come an awfully long way.

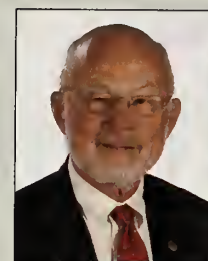
Some people are concerned about the amount of debt we have, but that's a manageable concern. It's not a surprise to anyone. I'm more concerned about where we would have been without the building program. How could we have continued to attract the best students? Sometimes you have to get out of your comfort zone.

What did you see as your role as chair?

Not only as chair, but as a board member, I always stressed to the board that our job was not to manage the place, but to set policy. ... During my tenure I think Wartburg has had a wonderful board. I would put our board up for the last 15 or 16 years with any college board in the country for its ownership and its understanding. Just look what we did during Campaign Wartburg from a board standpoint. During a major campaign, you have to get a 25 to 30 percent commitment out of the board. With an \$89 million goal, that was extremely major.

Three Waverly friends team up for \$150,000 matching gift challenge

Three Waverly natives are taking to heart Wartburg College's 2010-11 theme of "Celebrate Community" by establishing a \$150,000 matching gift challenge for the Annual Fund.



Gil Wessel '59



Bill Studier

Fred Hagemann '67, Gil Wessel '59 and Bill Studier grew up in Waverly and are longtime friends, while also maintaining close ties to Wartburg. The Wessels and Studiers were neighbors; the Hagemanns and Studiers family friends. Fred Studier, Bill's father, was treasurer of Lutheran Mutual Insurance Company, while Carl Hagemann, Fred Hagemann's father, was its legal counsel.

Their gifts of \$50,000 each will kick off the "Giving Starts at Home Challenge" — part of the Annual Fund drive to raise \$1.15 million in unrestricted gifts. The theme for the Annual Fund is "Share Your Momentum" — the momentum propelling future alumni from their first moments on campus to lifelong friendships and successful careers.

"I think the Studiers, along with the Hagemanns and ourselves, appreciate what Wartburg means to Waverly and to the students it serves," Wessel said. "We celebrate the college's connection to the community and recognize what the Wartburg experience means in the lives of students."

Hagemann and Wessel have been members of the Wartburg Board of Regents, which Hagemann chaired for 15 years. Their respective spouses, Sue '69 and Mary '60, are Wartburg graduates.

Bill and his wife, Susan, are giving their gift in memory of his parents, Fred and Maudine Studier, longtime Waverly residents and supporters of the college. "My father took business program classes at Wartburg, and I believe that his father, the Rev. H.E. Studier, may have been at one time the oldest living graduate of Wartburg," Studier stated.

Fred Hagemann is president of the State Bank & Trust in Waverly. Wessel is a retired Cedar Rapids obstetrician now living in Wisconsin. Studier, a biophysicist at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York, won a 2004 R&D Magazine 100 Award for simplifying the production of specific proteins within bacterial cells, a process used worldwide by academia and industry.

"Gifts to the Annual Fund are critically important to Wartburg and needed each year to support the college's operating budget. Because they are unrestricted, they can be used where the need is greatest," said Wartburg President Darrel Colson. "Fred and Sue, Bill and Sue, and Gil and Mary have been longtime supporters of Wartburg and realize the importance of these gifts. We are grateful for their leadership."

Don Meyer, Wartburg's director of development, said the Giving Starts at Home Challenge encourages those already giving to give more, and those who are not giving to start.

"If you gave \$100 to the Annual Fund last fiscal year (June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010) and you gave \$200 to the Annual Fund this fiscal year (June 1, 2010, to May 31, 2011), you have increased your giving by \$100, and that increase will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Giving Starts at Home Challenge. If you did not make a gift to the Annual Fund last fiscal year and you make a \$200 Annual Fund gift this fiscal year, this is considered a new gift and all \$200 will be matched by the Giving Starts at Home Challenge."

Gifts can be made online at <http://www.wartburg.edu/give>, by calling 866 219-9115 and using a credit card or by sending a check to the Development Office, Wartburg College, 100 Wartburg Blvd., P.O. Box 1003, Waverly, IA 50677-0903.

What was your signature accomplishment?

I think board development. Everybody looks at the buildings, but you're never ahead of the curve on a building program. You might catch up, you might sneak a bit ahead, but you never stay ahead very long.

Board development is how the board interfaced with the college and the administration and, to some degree, with the students. So many things stem from that. You don't get good buildings, you don't get good faculty, and you don't get good fundraising unless your board is cohesive and all pulling in the same direction.

Any unfinished business?

I wish we had met our goals on endowment, because that's kind of the lifeblood of the place. But fundraising now is a difficult game because of the financial situation. I think this college has a great faculty, a great student base, and it's got a very good administration.

You know you never try to hire the president you lost. If you do that, I think you fail. Bob Vogel came in when we needed a guy to heal the place. ... Jack Ohle came in and certainly built the college, the development side and the board. ... (Interim President) Bill Hamm did a wonderful job. ...

But Darrel Colson is the man we need at this hour, clearly. ... A lot of people thought we'd never have an academician as a college president, but I thought it was time. I thought it was time that we really emphasize academics. We certainly didn't need someone to build the place again. We needed a different president.

Songs from the heart



Simon Estes is on a mission to raise scholarship money in Iowa and for his school in South Africa

by Saul Shapiro

At 72, it could be expected that world-renowned opera singer Simon Estes might be slowing down just a bit.

Actually, the opposite may be the case. Estes, distinguished professor and artist in residence at Wartburg College as well as a professor at Iowa State University, seems to be going into overdrive.

In March, he embarked upon an ambitious concert schedule in Iowa aimed at raising scholarship money in all 99 counties. On July 9, he appeared at a World Cup gala concert in Johannesburg, South Africa, with the choir from his Simon Estes School of Music near Cape Town. And now he is promoting his new CD to benefit the three educational institutions with which he maintains close ties.

His ambitious statewide "Roots and Wings" tour pays homage to the Centerville native's Iowa roots as well the "wings" he hopes to provide young artists appearing at his recitals. Nine students already are benefiting from his fundraising concerts. Sixty counties have contacted him; 24 more concerts are in the planning stages.

On the other side of the globe, he is deeply involved as the patron of his namesake school in South Africa, which has more than 300 students in eighth through 12th grades. He founded the school after a 1997 visit, impressed by the quality of the youth choirs, but concerned about the students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

"Some of the students at my school don't have enough to eat," he said. "They are living in these horrible township areas, and we want to help them go toward college and maybe beyond college."

That concern for youngsters also is reflected in his 20-song CD, *Save the Children, Save Their Lives*, with one-third of the proceeds from sales of the \$15 album assisting his school in South Africa, while Wartburg and ISU each stand to gain \$5 per sale to their constituents. Besides the title song, the CD is a mix of Broadway standards and Negro spirituals.

Estes beams when discussing his South African choir's premiere of *Save the Children, Save Their Lives* at the World Cup grand finale — alongside a star-studded lineup that included Italian singer Andrea Bocelli and



The choir from the Simon Estes School of Music near Cape Town, South Africa



The cover of the *Save the Children, Save Their Lives* CD

Canadian rocker Bryan Adams — and the mission he embraces of helping youth.

"I am a very spiritual person, and I believe there's divine intervention in a lot of things," Estes said. "The day of the performance the producer comes to me shortly before I am to sing with the choir, and said, 'We'd like for you to talk about yourself or your choir.' But just before that, two big soccer guys talked about the malaria situation in Africa, and that there are one million children and some adults who die every year from mosquito bites. Then the lady who introduced me mentioned malaria again.

"We go out, and I started talking about *Save the Children, Save Their Lives* and how we can save children from mosquito bites.

"It was so ironic how that flowed, and we hadn't planned it," he added. "We finished with the song — standing ovation. The audience included the president of South Africa, Jacob Zuma. It was an incredible success. For the choir — those children — it will be an experience they

will never have again in their lives. They sang magnificently. It was an unbelievable success."

Estes is effusive about the choir. "It's a special gift that they have," he said. "They have voices that I don't understand. They're high school age between 14 and 19. They have a sound like I have never heard anywhere in the world."

At some point, he hopes to bring the choir to Iowa during their summer break, which would coincide with mid-November to mid-January in Iowa. He had a South African "angel" and Rotary International help make such a tour possible 14 years ago.

But first there's that CD to promote. It was recorded in Ames with the orchestral accompaniment arranged by Michael Golemo, professor and chair of music and director of bands at Iowa State. It features three ISU faculty members and four student music majors — some playing multiple instruments on different tracks to enhance the sound.

"I combine Broadway melodies, which are with orchestra, with Negro spirituals and two or three gospel songs, which are with piano," Estes said. "I want people to get a combination of very popular tunes and melodies with the title song, 'Save the Children, Save Their Lives,' which has a beautiful, beautiful melody. One of the producers at the World Cup told me, 'That melody just keeps going around and around in my head.'

"Everyone knows *I'll Never Walk Alone*, *Climb Every Mountain*, *Old Man River*, *Nobody Knows What Trouble I've Seen* and *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*. We hope the messages, particularly on *Save the Children, Save Their Lives*, touch people's hearts."

Estes is proud to have "Wartburg, a private institution, and Iowa State, a state institution working cooperatively for a great cause," and that "all the songs were recorded in the state of Iowa. I really want Iowa to receive some recognition worldwide for this project."

For more about the CD, go online at www.wartburg.edu/estes/savechildren.html

Leadership Institute helps students find their paths

It leads to community service and, in many cases, matriculation to Wartburg

by Saul Shapiro

Nineteen high school seniors from six states spent a week honing leadership skills at Wartburg College this summer during the sixth annual High School Leadership Institute.

Not only does HSLI help the students grow into leaders, but it also has served as a recruiting tool for Wartburg — illustrating just how the college lives out its mission. In its first five years, 31 of the HSLI graduates have returned to Wartburg in great part due to their summer experiences.

Again this summer, HSLI featured insights into leadership, team-building activities and hands-on service projects, including two days in Chicago working with children at the Holy Family Lutheran Summer School.

The 2010 HSLI graduates left with blueprints for hometown projects dealing with hunger, senior citizens, volunteerism, an animal shelter, youths in transition out of foster care, park and highway cleanup and assistance for single mothers and children.

The students will put together a portfolio on the progress of their projects and reflections on their experiences. Those successfully completing their tasks will receive 3.5 semester hours of transferable college credit for Wartburg's Elements of Leadership course and will be eligible for a \$1,000 renewable scholarship to Wartburg.

Michael Stevenson '11, a biology major from Elma, Iowa, organized a "senior prom" attended by 150 senior citizens the day after his high school prom. "I would say that HSLI was the deciding factor in my decision," he said. "How many institutions have you living out their mission before you are enrolled? I think the program is a pretty strong reflection of Wartburg's dedication to challenging and nurturing its students for lives of leadership and service."



High School Leadership Institute students and their mentors prepare to do clean-up work in the Cabrini-Green neighborhood in Chicago.

"HSLI did help influence my choice on going to Wartburg," said Anna McMullen '14, a political science major from Janesville, Wis. Her 2009-10 project was a "birthday party" for the local food pantry that supplies presents for children of low-income families in her hometown where GM recently closed its plant.

"After attending HSLI, I was sure that I wanted to attend Wartburg and nowhere else," she said. "The mentors were all people that I admired, and they were the type of people I wanted to be around at college."

The mentors also influenced Shea Kruger '12, a biology major from Grafton, Iowa, whose "Nothing But Nets" and "Measles Initiative" projects focused on Africa, raising money for 558 measles vaccinations and 128 nets to prevent malaria.

"The experiences I encountered that week at the college and volunteering in Chicago highly influenced my decision to attend Wartburg," she said. "I kept in touch with my mentor throughout my senior year, and he helped guide me through obstacles I encountered in my service project as well as questions that came up while I was applying to different schools."



Shea Kruger '13

Audrey Sturtz '11, now a biology major from Boone, Iowa, enlisted 4-H members and experienced quilters in 2007-08 to make blankets for the Project Linus Organization — aiding children in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. HSLI convinced her that Wartburg was absolutely the perfect fit for me.

Mark Polle '14, a pre-dentistry student from Sioux City, created a Students Against Destructive Decisions chapter at his high school in 2009-10.

"The scholarship that HSLI offered secured my decision to attend Wartburg," he said.

For Tara Hamilton '12, an elementary education major from Roland, Iowa, a project called "Daddy and His Little Girl" "taught me to focus on strengthening the girls' relationships with their dads."

"We met once every month. I tried to vary my activities from things that the dads would enjoy to things the girls would enjoy. Some of our activities were a scavenger hunt, pumpkin carving, ice skating, a date night, a pool party and even a Daddy and His Little Girl Prom," Hamilton said.

"I had never even heard of Wartburg before," she said. "But after being on campus for a week, I knew it was my only choice. From just being here a week, I learned what Be Orange meant, and I wanted it more than anything."

"HSLI was created to help talented, civic-minded high school students develop leadership skills that can make their home communities better places," said Dr. Fred Waldstein, director of the Institute for Leadership, Irving R. Burling Chair in Leadership, and professor of political science.

And it also has paid dividends in luring community service-oriented students and future leaders to Wartburg.

News about Wartburg



How Wartburg rates

Wartburg College was rated among the top National Liberal Arts Colleges in the 2011 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings — No. 152 among those 266 schools. Wartburg previously was in a regional category, which lists another 319 schools. The rankings are based on academic reputation (No. 118), retention, graduation rates, students per class, percentage of full-time faculty, SAT/ACT rankings, freshmen high school class rankings, acceptance rates and alumni giving.

Wartburg is among 152 colleges to receive the “Best in the Midwest” honor from the *Princeton Review*. The region includes 600 schools from Ohio to the Dakotas and from the Canadian border to Missouri and Kansas.

The rankings are based in part on a 80-question student survey. Wartburg was cited for its “great reputation” in the hard sciences and a strong music program, and that “studying abroad is easy and popular, especially during Wartburg’s unique one-month May Term.”

Students also commented that “the academic experience — especially as access to essential equipment and professors go — is phenomenal,” and that professors “know you by your first name and will notice if you skip class.”

Wartburg was No. 78 in the *Washington Monthly*’s rankings of 252 liberal arts colleges in its annual College Guide, which emphasizes service. It was No. 6 in “service staff, courses, and financial aid support,” and No. 22 in “community service participation.”

Other categories included Peace Corps and ROTC rankings, research expenditures, Pell Grants and graduation rates.

The MacJannet Prize for Global Citizenship, recognizing exceptional efforts in student civic engagement, honored Wartburg with a third prize and \$1,000 for its Community Builders program.

“It is emblematic of what many do in various programs and projects at Wartburg as we work to fulfill our mission,” said Dr. Fred Waldstein, director of the Institute for Leadership Education, Irving R. Burling Chair in Leadership and professor of political science.

Community Builders is part of an interdisciplinary course, “Leadership Theories and Practices” that students take to earn a leadership minor. The students lead intergenerational “neighborhoods” that annually include 80 Wartburg students, 200 elementary school students from the Waverly-Shell Rock Community School District and St. Paul’s School, 25 adult volunteers and representatives from Waverly-based Self-Help International during the fall and winter terms.

In the fall, the major focus is on Waverly and Shell Rock. During Winter Term, the focus shifts to the global community with particular attention to Central America. During May Term, Wartburg College students travel to Nicaragua and engage in service projects while working with and studying the leadership styles of two nongovernmental organizations, Self-Help International and El Porvenir.

Waldstein and Jordan Galles ’11, a biology major and psychology and leadership minor, accepted the award at a conference in France where Waldstein made a presentation on “project sustainability” and Galles participated in student initiatives.

Scholarships and honors

Chelsea Josephson ’11, of Onalaska, Wis., received a \$4,800 Presser Undergraduate Scholar award through a grant to the Wartburg music department, which selected the recipient.

Jordan Wildermuth ’09, of Geneseo, Ill., and **Dr. Susan Vallem**, professor of social work, were selected as delegates to the National Association of Social Workers’ National Congress in April. The Wartburg Senior Seminar class was one of only 20 social work classes to participate in the virtual Student Congress to provide input into the future of the social work profession. Only 400 delegates were chosen from 600,000 practicing social workers and only 20 classes were chosen from nearly 700 MSW/BSW programs.

Chikemma Nwana ’11 was one of 14 recipients of a \$2,000 Phoebe Herman Scholarship awarded by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She is a computer information systems major from Nigeria pursuing a minor in business administration and a certificate in leadership. She has been involved in Culture Week, is an international ambassador, has volunteered at Self-Help International, is a member of the Wartburg Gospel Choir, and — along with Hyeladzirra Banu — was awarded a \$10,000 Davis Projects for Peace grant to drill for clean water in a rural Nigerian village.

The Phoebe Herman Scholarship supports students facing special challenges in financing their education at ELCA-affiliated schools. As an international student, Nwana is ineligible for state or U.S. aid.

Two recent Wartburg College received medical scholarships administered through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. **Christina Sloan ’10**, of Boise, Idaho, was one of five recipients of a \$4,500 Frederick W. Williams Medical Scholarship. She double-majored in physics and biochemistry and is enrolled at the University of Iowa Carver School of Medicine. **Travis Kruger ’10**, of Grafton, Iowa, was one of three recipients of a \$4,000 Dr. George and Emma J. Torrison Medical Scholarship. He majored in biology and is enrolled at the University of Michigan medical school.

Haley Flores ’13, of Dysart, Iowa, was one of six students to win a national Young Photographers Alliance scholarship with an all-expenses-paid trip to New York City to receive its Alamy Award. Flores credits her mother, who once taught darkroom photography for a high school yearbook class, for coaching her on the “tricks and techniques of photography.” She is studying art and communication design.

Ellen R. Gustafson ’12, of Houston, Minn., received a 2010 Fund for Theological Education Undergraduate Fellowship. The award recognizes students who have gifts for leadership and are exploring ministry as a vocation. Gustafson will receive \$2,000 for tuition, other educational expenses or a self-designed experience related to ministry. She also will attend the 2010 FTE Leaders in Ministry Conference at the Boston University School of Theology.

Knights' alum no 'Average Joe'

by Mark Adkins

As long as he can remember, Vince King '05 has enjoyed the outdoors.

"My friends and I used to get out and hunt or fish as often as we could when I was at Wartburg," he said. "It's something that has always been a part of me."

The love of the outdoors has provided the former All-Iowa Conference and All-American defensive lineman with a unique opportunity. A close friend, Devin Juel, approached him about being a crew member for the "Average Joes Huntin' Show." King rose up the ranks to become vice executive manager of marketing, contacting potential sponsors and advertisers.

The "Average Joes" adventures air every Monday at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10 p.m. on the Pursuit Channel via DirecTV (channel 608). "Average Joes" also will be on Dish Network and some select cable networks this fall.

"This is a nationally televised program that shows average Americans with a passion for hunting and the outdoors, the options they would have for keeping that passion going," King said. "Most of the professional hunters that you see on TV these days get paid to hunt for a living and have all the top-of-the-line equipment."

"It can be hard for average Americans to relate when they don't have all the time that the pro



Vince King has been part of many hunting opportunities as part of the "Average Joes Hunting Show." Including a recent wild hog hunt in northern Arkansas.



hunt near Burlington as part of early telecasts as we are in week three of a 26-week run," he said. "It's awesome, too, because I can keep my family involved. My wife was on the turkey hunt with us as was my father. They both enjoy the outdoors as much as I do.

"We hunt on public and state ground that any person can use for free," he said. "We also use ground that is privately owned, but also free to hunt by landowner permission." King and his colleagues see continued upside for the show.

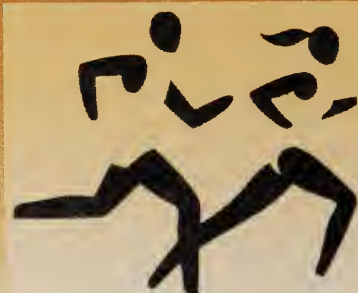
"This is just a tremendous opportunity," he added. "This show is a great chance to do what I love and to do it on a TV show that everyone can relate to. It's currently aired in 25 million homes and, with the addition of Dish Network next season, we will be up to 40 million.

"If people can't check out the show on DirecTV, they can visit our website www.averagejoeshuntinshow.com and become a Facebook fan to follow our adventures."

hunters do," he added. "Those people may not have the resources to buy all the top-of-the-line gear, either. On 'Average Joes,' we show people that you can still hunt and be successful with economical equipment and do so while juggling the responsibilities of life."

King resides just outside of Burlington — a "sportsman's paradise with the Mississippi River and good hunting area nearby" — with his wife, Taryn, and son, Quincy.

"We've done a wild hog hunt in southeast Oklahoma and a turkey



NCAA CROSS COUNTRY

Save the date

Saturday, Nov. 20

2010 NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships
Max Cross Country Course
Men's 8K race at 11 a.m./Women's 6K race at noon

Family ensuring 'sun never sets' on memory

by Mark Adkins

Vivian Mercer sees the sun a little differently these days.

Her son, Bryce, a 2006 Wartburg graduate, used to often say "the sun never sets on cool." It was a phrase his father, Randy, and uncle, Chad, gave to him to reflect on during hard times.

Randy and Vivian have used that phrase a lot over the past three years for similar reasons. Their son, a former Knights offensive lineman and tight end, was killed October 2008 while driving home along with a special young woman, Jessica Luedtke, whom the Mercers had yet to meet.

"Things were going well for him," she remembered. "His job at Principal was great, he had met Jessica, and so forth. They were coming home for a barbecue. It was very difficult.

"Despite what we were going through, I remembered looking at the sun when we walked out of the memorial dinner a few days later," she added. "Two rainbows were right around it. I thought 'This is Bryce telling us he's watching us'. So, with some relief in



Participants at the Mercer memorial outing had a chance to view a special memory area with photos of Bryce Mercer '06, his friend Jessica Luedtke, and other memorabilia of Bryce's career at Wartburg.

mind through this tough time, I leaned on that vision. I even got a tattoo (of that image) to remind me. I miss him every day, but those two rainbows and the sun are always with me."

His mother's memorial was similar to the trademark sun tattoo with the familiar slogan that was emblazoned on Bryce's arm. His tattoo also has a permanent place as the logo for the Bryce Mercer Memorial Golf Outing.

Vivian indicated the golf outing is just one way to keep the sun shining on her son's memory.

"We also have developed a memorial scholarship through Gladbrook-Reinbeck High School," she said. "It goes to someone who will be going on to college to play sports or, if they aren't, someone who is going to Wartburg.

"(Wartburg) was so important to him," she added. "His family was the football team. There were so many great guys who came to our house for meals and so forth while he was in school. The overall college also gave him such a wonderful education."

Proceeds from the yearly golf outing, held at Oakleaf Country Club outside of Reinbeck, also go toward the G-R and Wartburg athletic booster clubs and to help with expenses for Jessica's son, Ty.



D.J. Zajicek '05 prepares to send a shot into the fairway off the first tee at Reinbeck's Oakleaf Golf Course during the Bryce Mercer Memorial Golf Outing, July 25.



ALUMNI AT CAMPS — Nathan Carlson '06 was one of several Wartburg graduates that came back to campus to assist with summer athletic camps. Carlson, who coaches girls basketball and teaches in the Columbus Junction area, worked the Snow Valley Iowa Basketball Schools.



GREEN FUN — A highlight of the 2010 Athletic Booster Club golf outing was the putting contest. The annual event drew 34 foursome groups to Centennial Oaks Golf Course in Waverly, Aug. 5.



WOMEN'S TRACK HONORED — Wartburg's 2010 NCAA Division III indoor team champions were named the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Division III Coaches Association's Indoor Scholar Team of the Year. It's the third such combined indoor and outdoor award for the women's program.

Alumnus leads major research university in Colorado

by Linda Moeller

As president of one of the country's top-50 public universities, Dr. Anthony A. Frank '81 credits Wartburg College with giving him "a great education that I use every day."

Frank is in his second year as president of Colorado State University in Fort Collins. He was inaugurated in June 2009 after serving as interim president for seven months.

During 17 years at Colorado State, he moved from the role of professor, pathology department chair and associate dean for research in the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences to the university's top administrative realm. He served as vice president for research and information technology for five years, then became senior vice president and provost, overseeing the university's academic core.

With personal experience at both a small private college and large public universities, Frank says he tells parents and prospective students that students can get a great education in either setting, but that motivation is key to academic success.

"Students should find the educational match that fits them and stirs their motivation," he said. "For many students, this will be the wonderful education available at a private liberal arts college. For others, a large, public research university may be a better match."

"As citizens and alumni, we need to pay attention to the state of these great national assets and do our part to assure that both remain strong and healthy," he added.

Frank grew up on a farm near Mendota, Ill., and graduated from Wartburg with a biology major. He earned a second bachelor's degree and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at the University of Illinois, then completed a doctorate in comparative pathobiology at Purdue University in 1988.

He was an assistant professor of toxicology and veterinary medicine in the Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine before moving to Colorado State in 1993. He received the Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teaching Award at both Colorado State and Oregon State.



Dr. Anthony A. Frank '81, president of Colorado State University, was recently named 2010 Citizen of the Year by the Fort Collins Board of Realtors, recognizing his longtime community involvement and his leadership at Colorado State. He and his wife, Dr. Patti Helper, are the parents of three daughters.

Reflecting on his years at Wartburg, Frank said the great value of a liberal arts education is preparing students to think critically and to articulate ideas and positions — foundational skills that lead to success in any setting.

"The high standards and rigor that Wartburg embodies provided both academic preparation and a professional work ethic," he said. "The small classroom setting also provided opportunities for active debate and discussion, where perhaps the most valuable skills any of us can possess — active listening and integration of ideas — had to be learned and practiced in order to be successful."

During his years at Wartburg, Frank worked in the Financial Aid Office and became the college's first peer financial aid counselor.

"My background in financial aid at Wartburg has been incredibly valuable to me and underscores another commonality between public and private institutions — the core values of educational institutions are far more similar than different," Frank said.

Frank described access to education as "the principle on which financial aid is built," and ranked it as higher education's greatest challenge.

"Our classes, our universities, our communities, our society are all better if every person with the talent and motivation to earn a college degree has that opportunity," Frank said. "Phrased differently, in the global knowledge economy of the 21st century, no society is wealthy enough to turn its back on the human potential of a segment of its society."

Frank remains positive about the future of U.S. higher education.

"America has always been blessed with a diverse higher education system where everyone can find a niche to match their abilities, motivation and goals at any stage of their lives," he said. "Almost every aspect of this diverse educational web is now under pressure, and I think we'll see American higher education respond as we always have: with creativity, innovation and leadership."

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

1941

The Rev. **ROLAND BRANDT**, Bayport, Minn., celebrated his 65th ordination anniversary in May.

1954

The Rev. **ERIC BIEDERMANN**, Ft. Collins, Colo., won five gold and two silver medals in throwing, shooting baskets and swimming at the June 2010 Rocky Mountain Senior Games, Greeley.

1955

The Rev. Dr. **AL KOENEMAN**, Waverly, received the Living Loehe Award in May from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, recognizing his service in the military chaplaincy, where he rose to the rank of Rear Admiral in the U.S. Navy and retired as Navy Chief of Chaplains.

1956

Dr. **ROBERT VOGEL**, Seguin, Texas, is interim president of Texas Lutheran University.

1957

DICK LARSON, Sugar Grove, Ill., is District Governor Nominee for Rotary District 6440. After two years of training, he will serve as District Governor in 2012-13.

1959

JOHN SOLEM, Coarsegold, Calif., had his painting, *Grouse Lake Pine*, selected for the International Society of Acrylic Painters Exhibition held Aug. 7-Sept. 5 in the Santa Cruz Art League Gallery, Santa Cruz.

Homecoming Reunion Oct. 21-24 1960

RO FOEGE, Mount Vernon, is serving as interim director of the Iowa Department on Aging.

MEREDITH STUHMER LIEMOHN,

Louisville, Tenn., was recognized by *Cambridge Who's Who* for dedication, leadership and excellence as a real estate broker and manager. She owns Smoky Mountain Recreation Properties, LLC, Maryville.

JACQUIE BOWERS McTAGGART,

Independence, has published a book, *If They Don't Learn the Way You Teach, Teach the Way They Learn*, a collection of language arts materials, practices, methods, booklists, websites, teaching tips and technology aides for today's learners, especially boys.

1963

CAROL KUCHARIK SCHALEY and the Rev. Dr. Arthur Puotinen, Elgin, Ill., were married July 3. Carol completed certification in botanical illustration

and has exhibited her work in the northwest Chicago suburbs and Morten Arboretum.

1964

DAVID LANGROCK, Davenport, coached a Quad Cities softball team that won the November 2009 Winter National Softball Tournament for players 65 and over in Fort Meyers, Fla. The team also won the 2005 tournament.

The Rev. **EDWARD NIEMAN**, Andover, Minn., retired after 41 years of parish ministry in the ELCA. He served five parishes in North Dakota and Minnesota.

Homecoming Reunion Oct. 21-24 1965

The Rev. **DAVID HOFER**, Lincoln, Ill., retired from active pastoral ministry in May.

LARYE PARKINS, Shelton, Wash., retired to private practice in October 2009 from Perot Systems Government Services. He provided contract systems administration and software engineering services to the National Institutes of Health, Rocky Mountain Laboratories, Hamilton, Mont., for the last eight years of his 44-year career in information technology.

ROGER SHERMAN, Brookfield, Wis., retired in December 2009. He spent 34 years with Goodwill Industries, SE Wisconsin and Metro Chicago, most recently as senior vice president.

PAUL ZIETLOW, Urbandale, received the Newell C Day Award (agent of the year) from the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors of Iowa during the group's May convention in Waterloo. He is state past president and current state legislative chair of the association.

1967

JACKI KNOCK ANDERSON, Las Vegas, Nev., retired after more than 25 years as an investigative specialist with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

STEVE KOLLMANN, Northbrook, Ill., is a loans and distributions specialist with IRON Financial.

Dr. **KEN SCHRANKEL**, Holmdel, N.J., retired after 27 years with International Flavors and Fragrances, Inc., most recently as vice president, regulatory policies and industry issues, in Global Regulatory Affairs. He was involved at the national and international level in scientific and regulatory issues related to food additives and fragrances.

1968

KAY BIEDERMAN, Sioux City, S.D., recently observed her 10-year employment anniversary with Hospice of Siouxland.

KEN NEVENHOVEN, Davenport, played on a Quad Cities softball team that won the November 2009 Winter National Softball Tournament for players 65 and older in Fort Meyers, Fla.

1969

BEVERLY HERMANN BOVEIA, Waverly, retired after more than 40 years of teaching in the Waterloo Community School District.

SUSAN ELLICKSON SUNDQUIST, Madison, Wis., retired after 38 years of teaching in the Madison Metropolitan School District. She spent all but one year as a sixth-grade teacher.

Homecoming Reunion Oct. 21-24 1970

The Rev. **JERRY PRESTON**, Westminster, Colo., served as interim pastor from June to September 2009 at Christ the Servant, Louisville.

1971

MARTHA MOORE, Silver Spring, Md., teaches English at Cornerstone School. The Christian school seeks a financial partner for each student, ensuring that students from the poorest areas of Washington, D.C., can afford to attend.

JUDY HARMS SPINLER, Cedar Rapids, retired in May 2009 after 37 years of teaching in the Independence Community School District.

1972

JANE DUNBAR BATY, Cedar Rapids, retired after 38 years of teaching, including 32 years in the Marion Independent School District.

DAVE HANSON, Parker, Colo., retired in October 2009 after 31 years as a principal systems engineer with Lockheed Martin Corporation, Denver.

CAROL NELSON HARMS, Tintonka, retired after 38 years as an elementary school teacher.

MARGIE NEUGEBAUER, Chamberlain, S.D., retired as a school counselor in the spring of 2009. She is self-employed in counseling, consulting and coaching but mainly works as executive director of the Learning Disabilities Association of South Dakota.

BETTE BOSSOM RASMUSSEN, Riceville, retired after 38 years of teaching

physical education, special education and business education. As a softball coach, she was selected District Coach of the Year in 1992, 1994 and 2006 and inducted into the Softball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1998.

GREG SWEEN, Emmetsburg, retired in 2009 as K-8 guidance counselor with the Emmetsburg Community Schools, where he had been employed for more than 20 years.

GARY ZALAZNIK, Rock Island, Ill., retired in June 2009 after 37 years as a business teacher and department head in the Davenport Community School District.

1973

The Rev. **PAUL BIRKEDAL**, Hickory, N.C., received his Board Certified Chaplain certificate in April at the Association of Professional Chaplains Annual Conference in Schaumburg, Ill.

DALE FOX, Strawberry Point, retired from teaching in May. He owns Strawberry Computing and has been mayor of Strawberry Point since January 2008.

BONNIE STEEGE and John Sellner, Delaware, were married Sept. 5, 2009.

1974

ANNETTA LARSEN and Dan Puumala, St. Louis Park, Minn., were married Aug. 2, 2008.

Homecoming Reunion Oct. 21-24 1975

The Rev. **RICK BRENTON**, Ferguson, Mo., received a Master of Divinity degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, on May 16. He was ordained July 21 at Ruskin Heights Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo., and began his ministry Aug. 9 at Zion Lutheran Church.

LOWELL KUECKER, Buckeye, Ariz., teaches in Liberty Elementary School District #25 following a career in Iowa that included 33 years as a teacher and coach in Denver and two years in Algonia.

PAULA KENNEDY RUSSLER, West Union, retired in May after 35 years as an elementary school teacher the North Fayette School District.

1976

BILL GIBSON, Tinley Park, Ill., a partner with Trico Graphics, Inc., Chicago, is 2010 chairman of the board of Printing Industries of America. Gibson owned and operated the family business, Gibson Graphics in Chicago, from 1982 to 1998, when he sold the company to



Vogel leads TLU

Dr. Robert L. Vogel '56, president of Wartburg College from 1980 until his retirement in 1998, began work in July as interim president of Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas.

Since retiring from Wartburg, Vogel has served as interim president at Grand View College in Des Moines, Waldorf College in Forest City and Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan.

Vogel is maintaining a family tradition with his service to Lutheran colleges. His great-grandfather, Otto Kraushaar, was the seventh president of Wartburg College, serving at Clinton from 1899 to 1907. His great-uncle, Dr. William Kraushaar, was president of Texas Lutheran from 1929 to 1954.

Rider Dickerson. He remained on staff as vice president of sales until joining Trico in 2008.

MARY HOLZ SEBOLDT, South Milwaukee, Wis., joined the staff of Memorial United Methodist Church in Milwaukee as organist/accompanist.

1977

The Rev. **ROBERT BUGBEE**, Ontario, Canada, is serving a three-year term as president of the Lutheran Church-Canada (LCC).

BETH NELSON CHASE, Mt. Morris, Ill., is vice president/executive director of Bright Stars of Bethlehem, U.S. Operations. The faith-based organization supports the outreach ministries of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Palestine.

DEB MOLSTAD KELLOGG, Bloomington, Minn., is a German professor at Normandale Community College, where she earned tenure in 2007. She has received 13 Golden Apple Awards for teaching excellence from Phi Theta Kappa, international honor society for two-year colleges. She will lead an 18-day tour of Germany for students and interested travelers in May 2011.

The Rev. **WAYNE DERBER**, Sandwich, Ill., became pastor of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church on March 1.

JANET HELGESON MACDANIEL, Highlands Ranch, Colo., owns 1stClickConsulting.com, an internet marketing and search engine optimization consulting business that celebrated its ninth anniversary in April.

HANK MANNING, Des Moines, is a community development block grant (CDBG) program specialist with Camp Dresser & McKee consulting/engineering firm. He previously spent 26 years in CDBG program administration with the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

The Rev. **LAURA SCHWERIN**, Ph.D., Lake Oswego, Ore., is manager of mental health at Hazelden Springbrook, a substance abuse treatment center in Newberg recognized as a leader in the treatment of physicians and other licensed healthcare professionals.

RICK SIMMONS, Heidelberg, Germany, works as a civilian physical therapist with the U.S. Army. He retired in October 2008 as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force after serving 16½ years in the Air Force and eight years in the U.S. Army.

SHARON HOFFMANN WAMBOLD, Reinbeck, completed America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride, Lake Tahoe, and the El Tour de Tucson, Ariz., both century bike rides for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training.

1978

KIRK KINNEAR, Greenwich, Conn., was awarded a business method patent by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as inventor of the Guaranteed Physical Delivery Commodity Futures Contract.

1979

JEANNE GOCHE-HORIHAN, Manning, is vice president of corporate administration with Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota, Fargo, N.D.

A.J. JOHNSON, Urbandale, was appointed city manager for the City of Urbandale in July 2009. He previously served for 20 years as city administrator of Muscatine.

TONI STEINER MUELLER, Weihai, China, is curriculum director at JH School of Foreign Languages.

Homecoming Reunion Oct. 21-24 1980

Steve and **DAWNE BERGEN NEWHOUSE**, Lynchburg, Ohio, announce the adoption of Steven Jr., 14, and Jonathan, 10.

1981

Dr. **FREDERICK BURRACK**, Manhattan, Kan., received tenure and was promoted to assistant professor of music at Kansas State University, where he also directs the Office of Assessment.

ROBYN CLARK-BRIDGES, Cedar Rapids, night supervisor and interlibrary loan associate at the Mount Mercy College library, was quoted in the article "Gust, Why We Love Working in Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery, and Electronic Reserve," published in *The Journal of Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery & Information Supply*. 19(4) 267-79.

GENE HOLTZ, Racine, Wis., was named chief information officer (CIO) of SC Johnson & Son.

1982

Dr. **FRANCISCO DOSSI-GOMEZ**, Glenville, N.Y., was named chief of the Division of Neurology with Ellis Medicine, Schenectady.

DEBORA WILLING STARK, Midland, Mich., was installed May 23 as director of Christian education at St. John's Lutheran Church.

1983

EDMOND BONJOUR, Stillwater, Okla., was named director of the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program in April. He is a graduate of the two-year program, which focuses on developing leaders in agriculture and agri-business. He will continue to spend 25 percent of his time as a research entomologist with the Oklahoma State University department of entomology and plant pathology, where he has worked for more than 26 years.

The Rev. **COLLEEN KAMKE**, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., received her Doctor of Ministry degree in June from Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit.

1984

LINDA POGGENPOHL, West Warwick, R.I., is a human resource generalist, supporting the retail pharmacy operations division of CVS Caremark, Cumberland.

Dr. **MICHAEL ZACHARISEN**, New Berlin, Wis., was featured in *Clinical Excellence*, a publication of the Medical College of Wisconsin. Zacharisen is a Medical College allergy and immunology specialist whose successful treatment of a young asthma patient was discussed in the article.

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BERT G. NUERHING, Glen Ellyn, Ill., received the Illinois Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) 2010 Lighthouse Award. The award recognized his work in developing summer auditors seminars, credited with standardizing auditing processes and functions in school districts throughout the state. The Illinois ASBO Foundation made a \$1,000 donation to Junior Achievement in honor of Nuehring, an executive with Crowe Horwath LLP in Oak Brook.

Dr. **STEPHEN DeWEERTH** is chair of biomedical engineering at Khalifa University of Science, Technology, and Research (KUSTAR), Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

SHANA FLIGINGER, Cedar Rapids, was elevated to senior member status in IEEE (Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineering). Only 8 percent of members worldwide hold this distinction.

DOUGLAS PIEHL, Spokane Valley, Wash., is a major in the U.S. Army Reserve, serving as operations officer with Task Force 807 Medical Brigade, Camp Victory, Baghdad, Iraq.

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1986

KRIS KAUTEN LEONARD, Shawnee, Kan., received a Master of Arts in Education degree in May from Avila University, Kansas City, Mo. She teaches third grade in the DeSoto School District. In 2005, she received the THANKS badge, the highest honor awarded to Girl Scout volunteers, from the Mid-Continent Council of Girl Scouts.

1988

TROY WHALEN, Western Springs, Ill., completed his Ph.D. in educational administration in May at Illinois State University, Normal.

1989

Dr. **CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON**, Monticello, completed his doctorate in educational leadership from Drake University School of Education. His dissertation was titled, "School District Reorganization in Iowa: Considerations for Administrators, School Boards, and Communities." He is superintendent of the Monticello Community School District.

Jeff and **SUANNE STENSLAND COLEGROVE**, Burnsville, Minn., announce the birth of Emily Sue, Feb. 10. She joins Jeremy, 11, and Ryan, 9½.

KIM COLLIER SCHAUFENBUEL, Owatonna, Minn., performed in the Little Theatre of Owatonna's April production of *Don't Hug Me*.

BETH WARNER and Jan Ford, Milwaukee, Wis., were married June 29, 2009.

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ROGENE TWEETEN BERGQUIST, LICSW, St. Louis Park, Minn., is advance care planning facilitator for Allina Home and Community Services, St. Paul.

JACK DENHOLM was named athletic director at Valley City State University, Valley City, N.D.

Scott and **SUSAN OLSON GARBE**, Cedar Rapids, announce the March 1 adoption of Sarah Margaret, born Sept. 1, 2008, in China. She joins Anna, 9.

Dr. **CHARLES LEECK**, Pewaukee, Wis., was named a partner in the Milwaukee office of Quarles & Brady LLP, a national law firm. As a

member of the firm's intellectual property practice group, he focuses on preparation and prosecution of patent applications in the biochemical, pharmaceutical and chemical arts in the U.S. and abroad.

CHRIS NORSTRUD MATHAHS, Lake Mills, is a full-time student, pursuing a Ph.D. in business psychology.

AMY CROW SUNLEAF, Dubuque, was deployed to southeast Texas on June 30 to provide counseling and support to persons affected by Hurricane Alex. She is a disaster mental health volunteer with the American Red Cross.

1991

RONALD CORBISIER, Hudson, Wis., is president and CEO of relationshipone, a Minneapolis-based marketing actualization company.

KURT and GRETCHEN FENNEMAN DeVORE, Decorah, announce the birth of Joseph Gabriel Kurt, Feb. 10. He joins Timothy, 15, Michael, 11, Zachary, 11, and Maxwell, 6.

AMY LEONHART LOCKHART, Denver, Iowa, was one of 10 educators from across the United States named as an ASCD (Association for Supervision of Curriculum Development) Emerging Leader in 2010. She also was chosen as the Iowa representative for the 2010 Horace Mann Abraham Lincoln Summer Fellowship.

Robb Wiedrich and **KRISTI QUADE-WIEDRICH**, Rochester, Minn., announce the birth of twins, Ethan Guy and Gavin Marcus, Sept. 30, 2009.

1992

DENNIS HOEFLE and VAL FOREMAN HOEFLE '93, Ankeny, announce the birth of Callen James, Feb. 26. He joins Brody, 4.

DUFF RIDGEWAY, Waverly, was named director of the Waverly Health Center Foundation in March 2009.

SARA TIMMERMAN TUBBS, Delmar, was promoted to chief operating officer at DAC, Inc., Maquoketa, where she has been employed since 1994. The company provides community-based residential and vocational

services to individuals with disabilities. Sara also teaches as an adjunct professor in the University of Dubuque M.B.A. program.

1993

Dr. **TIMOTHY ABRAHAMSON**, Van Meter, was one of eight Greater Des Moines area physicians recognized as top doctors in their specialty in the November 2009 edition of *DSM* magazine. He is a dermatologist with Greater Des Moines Dermatology P.C.

Jeff and Dr. **JILL CHAFFEE GROBER**, Centennial, Colo., announce the birth of Timothy, May 17. He joins Hannah, 4. Jill received her Doctor of Audiology degree in August 2009.

DOUG HALL, Shawnee, Kan., is director of basketball operations at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, an NCAA Division I member of the Summit League. He was previously head men's basketball coach at Southwestern College, Winfield, where he compiled a 145-92 record to become the third-winningest coach in school history.

JILL LAFFERTY, Burnsville, Minn., is editor of *inTents* magazine, a publication of the Industrial Fabrics Association International.

Doug and **LISA TIETD OBERLE**, Readlyn, announce the birth of Ryker Robert, Sept. 22, 2009.

Matt and **ANN DOLPHIN ROLLINGER**, Cedar Rapids, announce the birth of Josey Louise, April 28. She joins Chase, 1½.

KATE LINBERG SCHOELL, Lisle, Ill., was promoted to director, global logistics and trade, for HAVI Global Solutions, Downers Grove.

The Rev. **WENDY SHERER**, Toledo, Ohio, is interim pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Curtice.

1994

AMANDA BALVANZ, Radcliffe, announces the birth of Finnigan Dale, Aug. 12, 2009.

KERRI BLOBAUM, Livermore, Calif., is scientific editor for *Science and Technology Review*, a publication communicating the accomplishments of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to a broad audience.



Hamm heads LECNA

Dr. William E. Hamm '66, interim Wartburg College president in 2008-09, became president of the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America July 1. He will continue to reside in Waverly.

Founded in 1910, LECNA represents 41 Lutheran colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. Its mission is to serve as an informed voice of Lutheran higher education and an active and effective standard-bearer for American church-related higher education.

Hamm succeeds Dr. Ralph Wagoner, who served as LECNA president for 10 years following his retirement as president of Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D.

"Wagoner's passion for connecting Lutherans with their colleges has made a huge difference for the colleges and this association," said Hamm. "I'm committed to the kind of cooperative endeavor LECNA seeks to engender."

Hamm served as president of the Foundation for Independent Higher Education in Washington, D.C., from 1999 to 2008, working with a national network of 34 state and regional associations to secure resources and develop collaborative programs for 650 private colleges and universities.

He was president of Waldorf College, Forest City, from 1986 to 1999.

Foege directs Iowa Department on Aging

Romaine "Ro" Foege '60 of Mount Vernon is serving as interim director of the Iowa Department on Aging.

"Ro is a great communicator whose passions for issues facing Iowa's senior citizens run deep," said Gov. Chet Culver in announcing Foege's appointment in June.

A social worker, Foege served in the Iowa House of Representatives from 1996 to 2008 and is a member of Wartburg's National Social Work Advisory Board. He grew up in a family that advocated for senior citizens. His father was director of Bartels Home, now Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community, in Waverly and a regional director for the Good Samaritan Society.

"I'm 71 myself, and understand all too well the problems we can face as senior citizens," said Foege.

Dr. **CLAY** and JoAnn **DAHLQUIST**, Waverly, announce the birth of Rhett Emma, Sept. 9, 2009. She joins Reagan, 7½, and Ramey, 4½. Clay is a physician at the Waverly Health Center's Christophel Clinic.

JANICE VAN WYK DAVIS, Monroe, teaches elementary music at Monroe and Prairie City in the PCM Community School District.

SCOTT GLASER and Amy Jo Peterson, Evans, Colo., were married July 3. Scott is a resource development account manager for the United Way of Weld County, Greeley.

Dr. Carl and Dr. **GIA BATSON GRAY**, Stockton, Calif., announce the birth of Carl Osmond, Jr., Oct. 26, 2009. He joins Ariel, 2.

LEAH LENHART HEIDEMANN and **JUDD HEIDEMANN '98**, Carlisle, announce the birth of Mira, March 12, 2009. She joins Tate, 3.

JONATHAN HOWIE, Conifer, Colo., is a national sales manager with Artwork Network, LLC, Denver.

TIM MARSHALL, La Porte City, was appointed manager, strategic planning and process development, for JDPS Supply Management with Deere & Company, Waterloo.

Justin and **DIANE MAULSBY PIERCE**, Blountville, Tenn., announce the birth of Rebekah Grace, May 31, 2009. She joins Brandon, 12, Kristen, 10, and Elijah, 2. Diane is director of contract quality

assurance with King Pharmaceuticals, Bristol.

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JAMES and Cheryl **CLEARY**, Bloomfield, N.J., announce the birth of Emily Rose, March 5. She joins Abigail, 6.

MATT ENTZ, Waterloo, is an assistant football coach with the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

Michael Day and **STEPHANIE FRAME-DAY**, San Diego, Calif., announce the birth of Elizabeth Marcene, Feb. 7. She joins Colin, 3.

ROBYN OLSON FRIEDMAN, Lambs Grove, won the Des Moines Marathon, Oct. 20, 2009, with a time of 2:41:31.

SHAWN HARMSSEN, Iowa City, accepted a Presidential Fellowship at the University of Iowa to pursue a Ph.D. in mass communication.

Dr. **ERIC** and Mollie **HARSTAD**, Daly City, Calif., announce the birth of Bedrich Eric, Nov. 4, 2009. Eric is a project toxicologist with Genentech.

JODI PETERSON NELSON and **JASON NELSON '96**, Pella, announce the birth of Jozef Javier, Jan. 19. He joins Zeb, 10, and Aliza, 6.

DAN SCHARNHORST, Manitowoc, Wis., became executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Manitowoc County in January.

1996

JIM GLAWE and Mandy Rahm, Corwith, were married June 13, 2009.

MICHAEL and Kelly **PEASLEY**, Cedar Hill, Texas, announce the birth of Alison Kate, March 5.

MIKE and **MISTY MARTIN VAN LANINGHAM**, Kenosha, Wis., announce the birth of Catherine Grace, July 24, 2009. She joins Nicholas, 9, Emily, 6, and Benjamin, 3.

1997

DION BRAET and **KATHRYN BAUER BRAET '00**, Earlham, announce the birth of Dawson, July 13, 2009. He joins Dominic, 6, and Donovan, 2.

ANNETTE EDGREN DAVIS, Princeton, Ill., owns an apple orchard, A Hundred Acres Orchard and Market.

BRANDON DIXON, Marthasville, Mo., is a winemaker with Noboleis Vineyards, Augusta, which opened ilast spring.

JENNIFER RUTZ GRANT and **JASON GRANT '99**, Waverly, announce the birth of Evan, Feb. 16. He joins Ryan, 4.

Eric and **SUSAN GINDT HEISERMAN**, Chicago, Ill., announce the birth of Sophia Kate, Jan. 15.

KIM JASS, Chicago, Ill., is community outreach director at the Kishwaukee Family YMCA, DeKalb.

George and **EVELYN TSIAKLI KONTOS**, Lakatameia, Cyprus, announce the birth of Valeria, June 14. She joins Olga, 8, and Florentinos, 5.

Chris and **LISA FAHSBENDER LANDSTROM**, Bloomington, Ill., announce the birth of Julianne Kae, Sept. 13, 2009.

Dr. **KARLA QUAM** and Nels Leo were married March 26.

Ryan and **JENNIFER BEACH RICHARDS**, Littleton, Colo., announce the birth of Finnley Marie, Sept. 6, 2009.

MICHAEL and **HEATHER BOSSARD SHARP**, New London, announce the birth of Jonathan Ronald, Aug. 6, 2009. He joins Jordan, 7.

Tom Caulfield and **BECKY ZINN-CAULFIELD**, Denver, Colo., announce the birth of Myles Zinn Caulfield, Sept. 25, 2009. He joins Cameron Zinn Caulfield, 4.

1998

SARAH ALBERTSON-CORKERY, Cedar Falls, was named one of four Outstanding Young Iowans by the Iowa Jaycees.

James and **JILL BIWER BERAN**, Lime Springs, announce the birth of Jedidiah Jay, Oct. 12, 2009. He joins J.D., 7, Joy, 5, and Jaylyn, 3. Jill is co-author of *Letters from Leanne - The Beauty of a Spiritual Mother-Daughter Relationship*, published by Tate Publishing and available on Amazon.

Jake and **JESSIE DOERFLER ELSON**, Appleton, Wis., announce the birth of Benjamin Robert, Sept. 3, 2009. He joins Quinn, 4.

Brian and **SHANELL HASS FREESEMAN**, Ankeny, announce the birth of Logan Reid, Oct. 21, 2009. He joins Jenna, 5.

David and **CHRISTIANN FINNERN HUNT**, Edina, Minn., announce the birth of Eva Constance, May 25, 2009. She joins Benjamin, 3. Christianna was recently named a shareholder in the law firm of Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A., Minneapolis. She practices business and commercial litigation.

KIRSTEN JASPER and Gregory Sattizahn, Pierre, S.D., announce the birth of Chase Dwight, March 14, 2009. He joins Grace, 6, and Jonah, 3.

KYLE KNUDSON, Golden Valley, Minn., discussed the impact of detailed vocabulary instruction on inner city, impoverished students in grades 3-9 at the International Reading Association's Annual Conference in Chicago, Ill.

NICHOLE BENDER LAMBERT, Grand Rapids, Mich., received her Master of Social Work degree from Western Michigan University in June. She is a clinical therapist with Arbor Circle Corp., working with adult mental health and substance abuse issues.

KERRIE LARSON LIEDTKE, Norwalk, is an attorney in the Ankeny office of Whitfield & Eddy, PLC.

Ben and **JENNIFER VOSS PETER**, Plainview, Minn., announce the birth of Khloe, March 30. She joins Kaylee, 6, and Karly, 2.

JASON and Molly **PUFFETT**, Independence, announce the birth of Jacob, Sept. 18, 2009. He joins Mary, 8, and Jameson, 4.

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CHAD and Stacey **SHEETZ**, St. Cloud, Minn., announce the birth of Lainey Lou, Sept. 9, 2009. She joins Jackson, 3.

WESLEY and Anita **VOLK**, Palo, announce the birth of Simon Lee, Nov. 7, 2008. He joins Jaxon, 3. Wesley is a team leader in derivative operations with AEGON, Cedar Rapids.

PAUL and **AMY FREESEMAN YEAGER**, Johnston, announce the birth of Levi Paul, Sept. 27, 2009. He joins Noah, 4. Paul is a producer for Iowa Public Television, Des Moines. Amy is the worldwide sprayer financial analyst with John Deere Des Moines Works, Des Moines.

1999

TAYLOR ANDERSON, Ankeny, received a Class Act Award from the Ankeny Community School Board in recognition of "Why Iowa," a course he developed to teach Ankeny High School students about the state's heritage, landmarks, landforms and business opportunities.

EDUARDO EHAPO, Equitorial Guinea, is a contract compliance manager with Noble Energy EG Limited, with oversight on contract, social projects and projects oversight. After graduating from Wartburg, he served as base administrator from 1999 to 2006 and as senior human resources representative from 2006 to 2008 with Baker Hughes INTEQ. He and his wife, Maria, have three children, Tito, 8, Lidia, 5, and Amabel, 1.

DOUG and Erica **BAETHKE**, Elma, announce the birth of Blake Christopher, Nov. 28, 2009. He joins Trace, 2.

Scott and **SUMMER ANDERSON BIELKE**, Rosemount, Minn., announce the birth of William Reese, Nov. 4, 2009. He joins Owen, 3.

MELISSA BROBSTON, Iowa City, graduated from the University of Iowa in May with a master's degree in music with a focus on trumpet performance. She teaches band lessons at Roosevelt Middle School, Cedar Rapids.

DIANA BUSCH and Levin Conway, Tacoma, Wash., announce the birth of Elizabeth Wylie Busch-Conway, May 23, 2009.

Scott and **SONJA ANDERSON GERSTENBERGER**, Grimes, announce the birth of Analise Margaret, April 6. She joins Lucas, 4, and Nicolas, 2.

JENNIFER GREENSLADE and Lee Heller, Ankeny, were married July 11, 2009.

Jennifer teaches kindergarten in the Ankeny Community School District.

Ryan and **FELICIA SMITH HAGERSTROM**, Waterloo, announce the birth of a daughter, Jaymes Rose, Aug. 14.

MELANIE HARMS and Todd Espeland, Forest City, announce the birth of Easton James Espeland, April 23.

Matt and **MARIDY KLEUNDER HELLAND**, Emmons, Minn., announce the birth of James Matthew, Aug. 30, 2009. He joins Eric, 9, and Carrie, 6.

ANDI HEMESATH, Waterloo, graduated from Allen College in May with a Master of Science degree in the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner program. She works at Hillcrest Mental Health Center, Dubuque.

JEFFREY HERMAN, Denver, Colo., received his Master of Business Administration degree in December 2009 from the University Colorado.

Steve and **ESTHER BEINEKE HESSE**, Kewaskum, Wis., announce the birth of Karalyn Isabella, May 20. She joins Ben, 3, and Madeline, 2.

The Rev. **JODI NEUMANN HINRICHS**, Muscatine, was installed May 2 as pastor of Shepherd of the Cross Lutheran Church.

AARON and **CHRIS DECKER HOLMER**, Algonquin, Ill., announce the birth of Gavin John, May 5. He joins Ryan, 6, and Aidan, 2½.

SUZANNE MORY HULL, Pleasant Hill, is the owner of Contemporary Business Solutions.

TIM and Nancy **LAUER**, Baltimore, Md., announce the birth of Evan Patrick, July 4, 2009. Tim is a physics teacher and soccer coach with Gilman School.

KIRK and Krista **LEBECK**, Peosta, announce the birth of Trevor Daniel, Nov. 23, 2009.

Dave and **KAYAH-BAH PHILLMANN MALECEK**, Onalaska, Wis., announce the birth of Isabella, July 26, 2008. She joins triplet sisters, Amalia, Lydia and Kora, 7.

Drs. Casper and **AMBER KUCERA MAURER**, Grand Junction, Colo., announce the birth of Aiden, Nov. 13, 2009. He joins Sydney, 3.

Steve and **KENDRA KEHE MERFELD**, Nashua, announce the birth of Merrick James, March 12.

Jason and **JULIE LEONARD PEWE**, Johnston, announce the birth of Ethan Jason, Sept. 27, 2009. He joins Marissa, 4.

Dr. **LISA RATHJE** and Robert Taylor, Harrisburg, Pa., were married Sept. 20, 2008. Lisa completed her Ph.D. in English with an emphasis in folklore at the University of Missouri-Columbia in December 2008. She is a folklorist for the Institute for Cultural Partnerships.

Lowell and **JENNIFER AFDAHL RICE**, Oakland, Calif., announce the birth of Isaac Nicholas Afdahl Rice, July 5.

TREVOR SHANNON and Mandy Redig, Bloomington, Minn., were married Nov. 14, 2009.

REENA STEWART, Kansas City, Mo., is a graphic design specialist with Sunlighten Sauna, Overland Park, Kan. She also owns a freelance graphic design business, Studio R Designs.

BJ and Carey **SUPPLE**, Kansas City, Mo., announce the birth of Charlie Stephen, Dec. 3, 2009.

EMILY BAILEY WHEELER and **MATT WHEELER '00**, Waverly, announce the birth of Madeline, June 30. She joins Elijah, 1½. Matt is offensive coordinator with the Wartburg football coaching staff.

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DUANE BIERMAN, Kearney, Neb., is director of bands and assistant professor of percussion at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Dr. **COURTNEY BOCHMANN**, Hampton, was honored with the Mercy-North Iowa Network Golden Heart Award for providing compassionate, quality care. He practices family medicine at Franklin Medical Center.

The Revs. **Le ANNE CLAUSEN** and Jorge Montes-Clausen, Waukegan, Ill., were married Jan. 4, 2009. Their first child, Salvadoré Sophia Teresa Montes-Clausen, was born Nov. 19, 2009. Le Anne received her Master of Divinity degree in May 2009 from Chicago Theological Seminary and was ordained in August 2009 in the Presbyterian Church PCUSA. She and her husband are co-pastors of Iglesia San Juan/St. John's United Church of Christ, a multicultural/multiracial, bilingual redevelopment congregation.

Andy and **RENEE STAHL DUNN**, Highlands Ranch, Colo., announce the birth of Carson Richard, July 28, 2009. He joins Landon, 3.

ANDRE GERICKE and Lyndsie Wohlers, West Des Moines, were married June 26.

SARAH SOVEREIGN HOLTEN, Cresco, directs 7-12 vocal music at Fillmore Central High School, Harmony, Minn.

Dustin and **CRISTIN MCBURNEY LANTZ**, Redfield, announce the birth of Lilian Grace, Sept. 13, 2009. She joins Isaac, 4.

The Rev. **NATHAN LIETKE**, Norwalk, is pastor of New Life Lutheran Church.

BETSY NEFF LUCK and **KELLY LUCK '01**, Oskaloosa, announce the birth of Mia Elizabeth, April 9. She joins Reid, 4.

Matthew and **BRANDI BECKER MENSCHING**, Jesup, announce the birth of Edynn, Sept. 24, 2009. She joins Cecelia, 3.

ERIN RIES MOELLER, Mt. Vernon, won the 2010 Drake Relays half-marathon with a time of 1:17:49, the second-fastest time ever for the course.

CORY and Emily **MULLEN**, La Porte City, announce the birth of Trevor, March 23. He joins Mason, 5, and Cameron, 2½.

NICOLE PREVENAS and Jesse Montgomery, Dubuque, were married Sept. 12, 2009. Nicole is a sales representative with McGraw-Hill Higher Education.

KRISTIN ERICKSON ROBERTS, Cedar Rapids, is executive director of the Ronald McDonald House, Iowa City.

Rod and **TARYN LAUER RYAN**, Fairfield, announce the birth of Aubrey Leigh, March 12. She joins Hailey, 4.

David and Dr. **SHANA TEDLIE STELZER**, Shawnee, Kan., announce the birth of Margaret Kathryn, March 23, 2008. She joins Benjamin, 3.

KRISTIN WOLVERTON WOLFE and Dr. **DAN WOLFE '01**, Cedar Rapids, announce the birth of Joseph Daniel, May 4.

2001

MIKE ARMSTRONG and **ALISHA SASS ARMSTRONG '03**, Cedar Rapids, announce the birth of Maddux Jan, Nov. 21, 2009. Mike is an application analyst with Iowa Health System. Alisha is a social worker with St. Luke's Hospital.

Three women will receive Alumni Citations at Homecoming

The Wartburg College Alumni Association will award three Alumni Citations during a Homecoming luncheon on Sunday, Oct. 24.

The awards will recognize the achievements of Merry Bunger Fredrick '70 of Waverly, executive director of Self Help International; the late Julie Kleckner Baird '81 of Urbandale, a full-time wife and mother, church leader and community volunteer; and Sara Tomson-Hooper '89 of Atlanta, Ga., chief principal of Potentialibilities Consulting Group.

To see a list of all past citation winners or to nominate an alumnus, visit www.wartburg.edu/alumni. Click the link in the lower righthand corner.

Merry Bunger Fredrick '70

Fredrick became executive director of Self-Help International in 2000 and is credited with bringing financial stability and expanded programs to Self-Help's mission of alleviating hunger in developing countries by helping people help themselves.

"Self-Help's work has grown from seed distribution into multi-level agricultural projects, successful micro-credit programs for hundreds of women, and feeding/nutrition projects for hundreds of children," said Fran Mueller, president of the Self-Help Board, in summarizing Fredrick's leadership.

Mueller added that Fredrick's collaboration with other nonprofits sharing similar missions has resulted in recognition and respect from government agencies in Nicaragua and Ghana as well as the World Food Prize organization.

Christopher R. Dowswell, executive director-programs with the Sasakawa Africa Association founded by the late Dr. Norman Borlaug, recalled that the Nobel Peace Prize recipient thought so highly of Fredrick that "he agreed to be an honorary member of the Self-Help Board of Directors, even though he had vowed to accept no more such responsibilities."

Dr. Fredric Waldstein '74, director of the Wartburg Institute for Leadership Education, credited Fredrick's involvement in the college's Community Builders program with adding a global dimension to on-campus activities and helping expand the program into May Term, when faculty and Wartburg students travel to Nicaragua to help meet needs in that country.

Fredrick also has supervised more than 50 Wartburg students who have completed internships with Self-Help.



Julie Kleckner Baird '81

Baird died in February 2008 after a three-month battle with cancer. She was in her second term as vice president of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Former Bishop Philip L. Hougen described her as "an organized and faithful leader with a heart for ministry and a wonderful role model."

Dr. Diane Heindl '81, a classmate and friend, characterized Baird as "an amazing woman who used her God-given giftedness to serve others" in her local church and at the synod and national levels.

Baird was a member of the choir and worship team, deacon, lector, evangelism caller and greeter. She served on church councils and mission committees. She was involved in youth work and women's Bible studies. She was a participant and leader in Bible Study Fellowship for 17 years in Iowa City and seven years in Urbandale.

Baird served on the Southeastern Iowa Synod's Global Mission Outreach committee and the national ELCA mission committee and became a global advocate for women's struggles in Tanzania and Mexico. She was part of the Launch Team for Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, a mission congregation in Altoona. She was also an active volunteer in her children's schools and with the Boy Scouts.

"We are a much strong local and regional church because of Julie's personal involvement," wrote Robyn Clark-Bridges '81 in her nomination. "Julie embraced President Vogel's 1981 Commencement address to say 'YES! to life.'"

Sara Tomson-Hooper '89

Tomson-Hooper has 20 years of experience in nonprofit management and resource development, currently serving as chief principal of Potentialibilities Consulting Group (PCG), a multidisciplinary team of professionals who provide comprehensive consulting services to government, nonprofit, and community-based organizations throughout North America and internationally.

She has spent a majority of her professional career working in senior-level and executive positions at the Salvation Army's Divisional Headquarters in St. Louis and most recently as a consultant. She managed a social services department with an annual budget of \$15 million and a staff of 350. She was directly involved in overseeing homeless shelters, transitional housing units, correctional services, substance abuse treatment programs, residential and outpatient treatment for abused and neglected children, therapeutic foster care, day care and community-based support services.

While working with the Salvation Army World Service Office, she consulted on international development projects in Africa, South America, Eastern Europe and Asia. She has extensive disaster management experience and recently consulted with the University of Wisconsin Disaster Management Center on development of a comprehensive international disaster management training program now being implemented globally by the Salvation Army's International Headquarters.

Major Patricia A. Kiddoo, former assistant director of the Salvation Army World Service Office, said Tomson-Hooper "worked endlessly, sensitively, and untiringly, exceeding expectations in every case" and possessed "an unequalled ability to work with myriad diverse individuals and groups."

"Her personal compassion and commitment to empowering others through development and implementation of quality programs and services exemplifies the social work profession," said Karen Cassidy, a former co-worker and now vice president of program advancement at Grace Hill Settlement House.



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DREW and Kim **BAKER**, Lakeland Fla., announce the birth of Jake, Oct. 30, 2009. He joins Sabrina, 2½.

JEFF BECK and **KELLY FOLEY BECK '04**, Waverly, announce the birth of Trevor Jeffrey, Dec. 11, 2009. He joins Natalie, 2.

Jeremy and **TONYA BREEGGEMANN BEUCH**, Shakopee, Minn., announce the September 2009 birth of Mara.

KEITH BUHR, Wichita, Kan., completed his doctorate in counseling psychology in August 2009.

COREY CARLSON and **SONYA TREBIL CARLSON '04**, Waterloo, announce the birth of Maris, Nov. 3, 2009.

SARAH CHRISTOPHERSON and Todd Parsons, Cedar Falls, were married Nov. 21, 2009.

KYLE and Tracy **DIRKS**, Clive, announce the birth of Peyton Mae, Nov. 10, 2009.

JENNI DONOHUE and Jake Talbott, Ames, were married in October 2009.

KERI DEPPE HENDERSON and Jeff Carstens, Ames, were married Aug. 29, 2009.

Paul and **SARA KNAVEL FISHER**, Omaha, Neb., announce the birth of Isaac Paul, April 17.

AMY GERARD, North Liberty, is with Goodwill of the Heartland, Iowa City.

BRANT GILKISON and Karin Soby, Sacramento, Calif., were married May 8.

ANGELA PETERS HAND, Papillion, Neb., is a research and development manager, Quality Assurance and Compliance, with Novartis Consumer Health, Lincoln.

JIM and Jennifer **MARLIN**, Waterloo, announce the birth of Jackson, Nov. 6, 2009. He joins Grace 2½.

Jeff and **KRISTI LASACK MILLER**, Franklin Park, Ill., announce the birth of Emily Dawn, April 6. She joins Charlie, 3, and Jack, 1½.

Dr. **TYLER MOLSTRE** and Jana Severson, West Des Moines, were married April 16.

Dr. **BRANDON PATTEN**, Ames, joined the dental practice of Dr. Donald Good.

AARON PEARSON and Elizabeth Swanberg, Rockford, were married Oct. 10, 2009.

Matthew and **BECCA MARTIN POOCK**, Davenport, announce the birth of Eleanor Grace, May 29.

RYAN RAUSCH and **HEATHER JOHNSON RAUSCH '02**, New Hampton, announce the birth of Kyle, Aug. 19, 2009. He joins Reid, 3.

NATE STOLTMAN and Teri Barrett, Duluth, Minn., were married March 6.

CHRIS and **KRISTIN RIESTERER THOMAS**, Lyons, Ill., announce the birth of twins, Cole Sterling and Maxwell George, March 12. They join Anthony, 3½.

BEN THOMPSON and **JANNA SWEDIN THOMPSON**, Waterloo, announce the birth of Tripp Benjamin, Oct. 23, 2009. He joins Oliver, 4.

ERIC and Andrea **TOWNSLEY**, Van Horne, announce the birth of Kaiser Scott, Jan. 5. He joins Emma, 4. Eric is a middle school principal for the South Tama County Schools. He completed his master's degree in educational administration at the University of Northern Iowa in December 2009.

Andy and **NATALIE WILSON VAUGHN**, Dublin, Calif., announce the birth of Carter Wilson, Feb. 2.

KENNY WILCOX, Salida, Colo., was named 2009 3A Colorado Cross Country Coach of the Year.

TARA PRICE WINTER and **CHRIS WINTER '05**, Waverly, announce the birth of Emmyr Aileen, March 15.

2002 DAVID BACKEBERG and Kristin Wiley, New Haven, Conn., announce the birth of Lara Corinne in July.

GRETCHEN BARTLETT and Harlan Helterhoff, Knoxville, Tenn., were married May 29.

JASMINE BAXTON and Dewayne Amos, Marietta, Ga., were married March 20.

AMANDA BROMAN and **MATT MULLINS '03**, Montrose, were married in 2009.

KRISTA GALLAGHER COLT, Lauderdale, Minn., received her master's degree in nonprofit management from Hamline University, St. Paul. She is a prospect researcher with Luther Seminary, St. Paul.

DAN COOPER and **SARAH TUTTLE COOPER '04**, Denver, Iowa, announce

the birth of Jackson David, Aug. 19, 2009. He joins Lillian (Lily), 2½.

LUKE HARMS, Washington, D.C., is a senior government relations specialist with Whirlpool Corporation.

Dr. **CHRISTOPHER HILL**, Cedar Falls, received the Resident of the Year Award after serving the past year as chief resident of emergency medicine at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center, West Islip, N.Y., on Long Island. He is joining the attending physician staff in the department of emergency medicine at Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo.

Jason and **KENDRA TREBIL INGLES**, Aurora, Colo., announce the birth of James Scott, May 30.

KENZA BEMIS NELSON and **MATTHEW NELSON '03**, Coralville, announce the birth of Amita Kay, Sept. 22, 2009.

SUSIE REINHARDT and Brent Coonrod, Kansas City, Mo., were married May 8.

Andy and **BRITNEE NIEMANN SCHARNHORST**, Plainfield, announce the birth of Cole, Dec. 10, 2009.

SUZANNE JUST SCHUKNECHT and **DAN SCHUKNECHT '03**, Ankeny, announce the birth of Jonathan David, Aug. 30, 2009.

THAD and **JILL PETERKA WILKINS**, Tipton, announce the birth of Hagen Ward, Feb. 15. Thad is vocal music director at Waverly-Shell Rock High School. Jill remains employed as director of events with the Cedar Rapids Downtown District.

2003

ALAN BANWART and Holly Wales, Overland Park, Kan., were married Oct. 4, 2009. Alan is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Kansas, Lawrence.

MELISSA CARLSON BEER, Woodbury, Minn., is a booking agent with Summit Comedy, Huntersville, N.C.

Brad and **TINA ELLINGSON DARLING**, Decorah, announce the birth of Brody Thomas, April 22. He joins Bradan, 3.

AMANDA GRIZZLE, Newark, Del., received her Master of Music degree in conducting in May from George Mason University, Fairfax, Va.

RYAN HALUPNICK and **KAELA BUCKNELL HALUPNICK '05**, New Hope,

Minn., announce the birth of Madeline Rae, Dec. 1, 2009.

Michael and **HOLLY ECKHOFF HOMAN**, Des Moines, announce the birth of Hayden Xander, Nov. 27, 2009.

STACI FRIEDMAN JANSMA, Lakefield, Minn., is an Internet entrepreneur with StaciJansma.com.

TYSON KEITH and **MANDY FOX KEITH '04**, Waverly, announce the birth of Harper James, June 6, 2009.

NATHAN LIEN and Susan Karlman, Walla Walla, Wash., were married Oct. 3, 2009.

EMILY PARCELL LOWE, Washington, D.C., is a senior account executive with MSHC Partners, a political consulting firm specializing in direct mail, Internet and targeting strategy.

KIMBERLY BABCOCK MASHEK, Waverly, is the director of library services with Kaplan University, Cedar Falls.

JAMES and Leslie **MAY**, Waterloo, announce the birth James Patrick, Jr., April 5, 2009. He joins Jaylin, 3.

BJ and Michelle **MEANEY**, Cedar Falls, announce the birth of Lauren Marie, May 7. She joins Gabriel, 3½, and Brendan, 1.

HOLLY MOHS, Elgin, was named 1A Northeast District Coach of the Year. Her Valley High School basketball team participated in the 2010 state tournament.

GARRETT RETTIG and **DENISE DIETZ RETTIG**, Coralville, announce the birth of Tate Dawson, May 6. He joins Reece, 2.

MICHAEL and **JILL PLAGMAN RIPKE**, Phoenix, Ariz., announce the birth of Jada Lauren, Sept. 25, 2009.

HEATH ROPP and Elayna Hanson, Ames, were married June 27, 2009.

PATRICK and **JAMIE GARBES SMITH**, Dunkerton, announce the birth of Jaelyn Mae, Oct. 8, 2009. She joins Seeri, 2.

JOSHUA and Sara **SMOTHERS**, Des Moines, announce the birth of Jackson James, April 8.

SCOTT SUHR and Jessica Gabriel, Waverly, were married May 22.

TODD and Candice **THOMAS**, Parkersburg, announce the birth of Joseph Douglas, May 26.

Matthew and **JENNIFER ZUMBACH TYSON**, Chanhassen, Minn., announce the birth of Ashley Elizabeth, April 3. She joins Luke, 1½.

Justin and **VALERIE TIEDT WARNKE**, Sumner, announce the birth of Shane Lavern, May 20, 2009.

2004

AMELIA WEBER ARMSTRONG, Platteville, Wis., received her Master of Music Education degree in August 2009 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. While on campus, she completed a teaching assistantship as a counselor with Illinois Summer Youth Music. She is the vocal music director at Platteville High School.

SCOTT and Kristen **ARTHUR**, Edgewood, announce the birth of Dayce, March 18.

JED BATTERSON, Waverly, received his Master of Education degree in December 2009 from the University of Northern Iowa.

CORY and **CRYSTAL BAILLIE BERKENES**, Waverly, announce the birth of Elsie May, June 8, 2009.

RYAN BRUMM and Amanda Barber, North Liberty, were married May 2, 2009.

Matt and **RITA HASS BREUER**, Patch Grove, Wis., announce the birth of Kamryn Rae, Feb. 20.

AARON and Alysia **COUNTRYMAN**, Mount Pleasant, announce the birth of Chase Aaron, Nov. 4, 2009.

Brian and **AMY GUSTAFSON DeBUHR**, Urbandale, announce the birth of Benjamin Evan, March 19.

GRACE GEMPERO and Kiley McGuine, Guttenberg, were married Sept. 26, 2009.

Bryce and **RACHEL HUSBYN GIESMANN**, Lander, Wyo., announce the birth of Ella Rose, July 2, 2009.

MEGAN GOSNELL and Shannon Godbee, California City, Calif., were married June 13, 2009.

Nick and **ERIN HEDEEN GRAVEMANN**, Goodhue, Minn., announce the birth of Haley, July 25, 2009.

Kevin and **SARAH BROWN GROTH**, Johnson, Neb., announce the birth of Carter James, Jan. 14. He joins Elijah, 4, and Hannah, 2.

MARGARET WRAGE HORSFIELD, Solon, received her M.B.A. in May from the Henry B. Tippie College of Business at the University of Iowa.

JON KYTE, Minneapolis, Minn., is an assistant football coach at Augsburg College, working with the defensive front seven and as special teams coordinator, assistant recruiting coordinator and video coordinator.

Dean and **LAURA LENZ LOCHNER**, St. Cloud, Minn., announce the birth of Logan Dean, June 15.

CJ and Jennifer **McDONALD**, Marion, were married Nov. 15, 2008. They announce the birth of Brooksley Marie, May 3.

Dr. **LISA LEE MELLMANN**, Schaller, is assistant professor of physical science at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, after completing her Ph.D. in physical and biophysical chemistry in April 2009 at Montana State University.

JULIE MOELLER, Hartland, Wis., is director of social services with Extendicare at Maple Ridge Health and Rehab, Milwaukee.

ASHLEY MULLEN and Zach Conover, Ankeny, were married Sept. 26, 2009.

Dr. **DEREK PAVELEC**, Stratford, Wis., is a molecular geneticist at Prevention Genetics, Marshfield, after completing his Ph.D. in molecular and cellular pharmacology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Jeff and **SARA NYHUS PENNING**, Clear Lake, announce the birth of Abigail Lynn, Feb. 12.

Dr. **TABITHA PETERSON**, Wayland, is a postdoctoral research fellow in the molecular physiology and biophysics department at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. She completed her Ph.D. in chemistry in October 2009 at New Mexico State University.

SHARLA SMOOK and Seth Larson, Marshall, Minn., were married in June 2009. Sharla is a middle school band director with the Marshall Public Schools.

Christopher and **KIMBERLY HOEFER STREIF**, Farley, announce the birth of Samuel Christopher, Jan. 26. He joins Emma, 4, and William, 2.

JUSTIN SULLIVAN and Dr. Andria Marlin were married June 26.

Aaron and **MARY CHRISTOPHERSON TANK**, Cedar Rapids, announce the birth of Ollie Benjamin, April 13.

MATT TOWNSLEY, Cedar Rapids, is director of instructional services with the Solon Community School District.

Homecoming Reunion Oct. 21-24 2005

WHITNEY BALDWIN and Mark Rech, Johnston, were married June 5.

SARAH LEARN BRINCKS, Manilla, received her Master of Education degree in May from Morningside College, Sioux City.

BEAU BUCHHOLZ and Megan Wittenburg, Waverly, were married Sept. 4, 2009.

Dr. **MATT CONNELL**, Kansas City, Mo., received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree May 29 from Des Moines University. He is a resident at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

BRAD and **TERESE OTT CULBERTSON**, Whittemore, announce the birth of Avery Jolene, June 28.

ASHLEY DIERENFELD and Rick Burns, Grimes, were married Jan. 8. Ashley received her master's degree in genetics from Iowa State University in December 2009 and works as a senior research associate with Pioneer Hi-Bred, Johnston.

EMILY FRIEDMAN and Pete Haack, Lawrence, Kan., were married Feb. 6. Emily is an assistant attorney general for the Kansas Office of the Attorney General, Topeka.

Justin and Dr. **KATIE GELNER HANSON**, Roland, announce the birth of Joel David, Feb. 1.

The Rev. **DAMEN HEITMANN**, Little Falls, Minn., serves as minister of First United Church.

The Rev. **CHRISTOPHER HELLER** and Elissa Eller, Ophiem, Ill., were married Nov. 7, 2009. Christopher was ordained Feb. 28, 2010, at Bethany Lutheran Church, Woodhall, where he now serves as associate pastor.

Dr. **ANGELA KOHLHAAS** and Matthew Rissler, Dubuque, were married June 27. Angela received her Ph.D. in mathematics in May from the University of Notre Dame.

Tim Brazil and **MICHELE LODGE**, Cedar Rapids, announce the birth of Elliana

Michele Brazil, March 2. Michele is a paraeducator at Regis Middle School.

Corey and **KELLY KOHLHAAS MENNING**, Algona, announce the birth of Landon Jay, March 17.

JOSH MOEN, St. Louis Park, Minn., finished second in the June 2 Back in Shape 5-Kilometer race in Bloomington with a time of 14:13.

KRISTIN NELSON and Greg Kottcamp, Littleton, Colo., were married June 5.

BEN PARKS, Silver Spring, Md., is coordinator for College Park Scholars at the University of Maryland-College Park.

DRUPAL PATEL and **ERICA HAUGEN '06**, Nashville, Tenn., were married in separate Christian and Hindu ceremonies May 22 and 30. Drupal manages a wire harness factory. Erica is a teacher.

KRISTIN GRANCHALEK PAVELEC, Stratford, Wis., teaches sixth-grade language arts in the Mosinee School District, Mosinee.

MICHAEL POWELL and Ashley Lundquist, Iowa City, were married June 19.

Dr. **JOEL REYNOLDS** and **ANNIE FOX**, Newark, Del., were married Feb. 13. Joel graduated in June 2009 from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. He is an oral surgery resident with Christiana Hospital. Annie practices law in Philadelphia.

Brandon and **LINDSEY FRANCIS SCHAECHER**, Norfolk, Neb., announce the birth of Carson Samuel, Aug. 28, 2009.

CRYSTAL SPINDLER and Robert Baker, Brighton, Colo., were married June 12.

Bob and **DANA KIRCHHOFF TIEDT**, Waverly, announce the birth of Jake, Nov. 8. He joins Macy, 3.

KEITH ZIETLOW and Beth Schmelzer, Manchester, were married Nov. 27, 2009.

2006
GREG ANFINSON and **KRISTIN BECK '07**, Ankeny, were married Aug. 22.

KEVIN AULT and **ANDREA SCHILTZ AULT '07**, Fort Dodge, won the men's and women's open division titles at the 30th annual Fort Dodge Ford Lincoln Mercury Toyota City Golf Tournament on July 11. It was Kevin's fifth straight win, tying a city record for consecutive championships.

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

PHIL and April **BARNETT**, Clarksville, announce the birth of Harlan Lyle, June 1.

ALYSSA BENVENISTE and Matthew Moran, East Peoria, Ill., were married April 24.

BRANDON BIRD and Laura Andrews, Hampton, were married July 11, 2009.

JUSTIN BRINCKS, Manilla, teaches high school physical education in the Denison Community School, Denison.

ERIN DOHLMAN and Matt Coulthard were married June 11.

IVAN DVOJAKOVSKI and **ELSA MAY '07**, Rockdale, New South Wales, Australia, were married May 30. Elsa is an accountant with the Glad Group after earning a master's degree in 2008 at the University of Sydney.

AMI FRANZEN and Chris Hagen, Nashua, were married March 19. Ami is a claims adjuster with Progressive Insurance.

STEPHANIE GOETZ and Tim Sampilier, Davenport, were married May 30.

KATJA HALVERSON, Chicago, Ill., is an account manager with GyroHSR.

ASHLEY JESSICK, Omaha, Neb., received her Master of Science degree in toxicology on May 7 from Iowa State University. She is pursuing her Ph.D. in toxicology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

JOSH KARSJENS, North Liberty, is a high school mathematics teacher and assistant sophomore football and assistant girls track coach in the Linn-Mar Community School District, Marion.

Greg and **KAY HANSEN KAUFFMAN**, Reinbeck, announce the birth of Justin Allen, June 25.

AMY KIELBLOCK and Nicholas Wemhoff, Columbus, Neb., were married May 29.

KARLA KIRCHHOFF and Jarred Juhl, Waverly, were married March 20.

Bret and **KATIE NAUMAN LARSON**, Ottumwa, announce the birth of Elaina Sue, April 2.

JACQUELYN NOVAK and Paul Zillman, Cedar Rapids, were married July 25, 2009.

ALEX POLLOCK, Aplington, is head varsity football coach at Aplington-Parkersburg High School, Parkersburg.

ALLISON SCHMIDT and Cody Lycke, Ankeny, were married Oct. 11, 2009.

ALICIA SELIGER and Matthew Peterson, Hudson, were married Oct. 31, 2009.

BRADY SMITH, Marion, is the weekend evening news anchor with KWWL-TV, Waterloo. He has been a reporter with KWWL in the Iowa City/Cedar Rapids area since September 2008.

MOLLY RICHARDS SMITH, Marion, is assistant director of enrollment solutions with Noel-Levits, Coralville.

Mark and **CARI BLATCHFORD STOLTZ**, Omaha, Neb., announce the birth of Connor James, March 17.

JORDAN ZAPUTIL and Abby Anfinson, Cedar Falls, were married June 13, 2009.

2007
TRAVIS ANGELL and **STEPHANIE AREY**, Platteville, Colo., were married June 6, 2009.

MELISSA BORTON and Ross Schumaker, Kalona, were married July 25, 2009.

SUZU DRILLING COUSIN, Waverly, completed her M.B.A. degree from Kaplan University in February.

ERIC DeROO and Katherine Rochleau, North Liberty, were married in August 2009.

ROBERT GAFFEY and Jeni Streb, North Liberty, were married May 30, 2009.

ADAM GENT and Allison Loan, North Liberty, were married June 26.

JONATHAN GREGG, Oskaloosa, won first place in small market radio features in the 2010 Iowa Broadcast News Association Awards. His freelance story on the uncertain future of an annual haunted house in his hometown of Charlotte aired on KMAQ radio in Maquoketa. He also won a first-place award in news photography for small market television and an Iowa Motion Picture Association Award of Excellence for his work with Communication Research Institute, a nonprofit television station in Oskaloosa, where he is an anchor, reporter and video photographer.

DONOVAN HILL and Erin Dahle, Altoona, were married June 30, 2007.

They announce the birth of Drew Donovan, March 15.

JENNY HUCK and Jake Haugen, Cedar Falls, were married April 24.

LUCY JOSEPH, Iowa City, received her master's degree in urban and regional planning with a concentration in housing and community development in May from the University of Iowa. She is a housing program assistant with the Iowa City Housing Authority. During her last year of graduate school, she worked with six other graduate students as planning consultants for the City of Anamosa.

KELLI KENNON and John Lane, Marion, were married Dec. 1.

SAGAR KHUSHALANI, Arlington, Texas, received his master's degree in computer science in December 2009 from the University of Texas. He is with New York Air Brake, Fort Worth.

BEN KOBER and **RACHELLE MILLER**, Maquoketa, were married July 3. Ben received his master's degree in urban and regional planning in May 2009 from the University of Iowa. He is the Jackson County zoning administrator. Rachelle completed her teaching certification in secondary English education through Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.

KATIEJO KUHENS, Creve Coeur, Mo., was named to the 2009-10 edition of Montclair Publishing's *Who Who in North America*. As sports information director with Maryville University, St. Louis, she won the school's first College Sports Information Directors of America award. Her feature, "The True Meaning of Teamwork," won first place in CoSIDA District 7.

MALLORY LUENSMANN, Waverly, is an admissions counselor at Wartburg College.

ERIN LUND and Andrew Paul were married May 1.

Brian and **HOLLY HANSEN MCCOMB**, Cedar Rapids, announce the birth of Brayden James, June 26, 2009.

JUSTIN MCCLINTOCK and Holly Cook, Fort Dodge, were married June 21, 2008.

SCOTT RIGGS and **MARCIA BERGMAN**, Rochester, Minn., were married June 26.

MEGAN ROLAND and **CHRIS CHAPPELL '08**, Winterset, were married May 1.

ANNINA RUPE, Macomb, Ill., is a biology graduate student at Western Illinois University. She has a graduate assistantship with the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs.

CHRISTINA SCHIPPER and Jason Austin, Minneapolis, Minn., were married July 3.

KATIE SCHWARTZKOPF and Kevin Thompson, Highland, Kan., were married May 1.

Tom and **ASHLEY TIESKOTTER SCHWEER**, Waverly, announce the birth of Kayden Thomas, Aug. 3. He joins Xavior, 2.

Dr. **ANDREW SECORY** is practicing in Perry after earning a D.D.S. degree from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry.

Dr. **KELSEA CANNON STEPHENSON**, Urbandale, received her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree on May 29 from Des Moines University.

Dr. **AARON TIMM**, Bondurant, received his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree on May 29 from Des Moines University.

GINA WEBER and Michael Rekers, Waterloo, were married May 1.

RACHEL YOUNG and **BRODIE OVERTON '08**, North Liberty, were married Dec. 19.

JASON ZASTROW, Cedar Falls, is a Wartburg College admissions counselor.

2008
LUKE ALBERT and Jill Formanek, Alexandria, Va., were married Nov. 28, 2009.

BREI ASPENSON and Steve Johnson, Jr., Waterloo, were married Aug. 15, 2009.

BRANDON BIRK and Amy Peters, Ames, were married Sept. 26.

ALICIA BRISSETTE and Ben Kohout, Waverly, were married June 6.

LUKE CONNER and Bethany Squier, Mason City, were married in August. Luke works with Shelter Insurance.

ELLEN ENGH, Decatur, Ill., completed her Master of Science degree in college student personnel from Western Illinois University, Macomb. She is an area coordinator with Millikin University.

KEVIN ESLICK and Stephanie Habichter, Cedar Rapids, were married June 5.

Torkelson wields Carnegie baton

Paul Torkelson '75, director the Wartburg Choir for 25 years until his retirement in 2008 and former Patricia A. Zahn Chair in Choral Conducting, will conduct John Rutter's *Requiem* in Carnegie Hall in New York City next winter.

Torkelson, currently MidAmerica Productions' conductor-in-residence, will lead the New England Symphonic Ensemble and choruses from Hampton, Iowa, and Texas in *Requiem*, March 14, 2011, on the Stern Auditorium/Perelman Stage at Carnegie Hall.

EMILY FAIRCHILD, Mount Vernon, is working with Iowa Campus Compact AmeriCorps VISTA in the Civic Engagement Office at Cornell College.

LUKE GIBBS, Dubuque, was promoted to account executive with Mission Creative.

ALYCIA HENEKE, North Liberty, Licensed Master of Social Work, is a social worker in the Emergency Treatment Center at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City.

KRYSTINA IRVIN, San Antonio, Texas, is service and volunteer coordinator at St. Mary's University. She has been with the institution since August 2008, beginning as an AmeriCorps VISTA worker and most recently working as interim service learning coordinator. She is pursuing a Masters of Arts degree in international relations with a concentration in international development.

LIA KAMPMAN, Dubuque, is director of stewardship at Loras College.

KARLENE KISCHER-BROWNE, Waterloo, is a full-time instructor of American Sign Language and Deaf Studies in the communication sciences and disorders department at the University of Northern Iowa.

KATHERINE KNUITSEN, Tacoma, Wash., completed her Master of Science degree in college student personnel from Western Illinois University, Macomb, Ill., in May. She is a resident director with Pacific Lutheran University.

JODY KORDICK and Jacob Kotalik, Marion, were married June 13, 2009.

ROBBIE McINTYRE and **ALLISON ERDMANN**, Denver, Iowa, were married July 19, 2009.

Jake and **KATIE ROUSE McPHERSON**, Eagan, Minn., announce the birth of Kennadie Breann, May 25.

KATRINA MEYER, Columbia Heights, Minn., is a service specialist/job coach working with adults with disabilities at Life Works in the Twin Cities area.

LINDSEY MULLENBACH, Cedar Rapids, was promoted to medical laboratory science program coordinator at St. Luke's Hospital.

DREW NEWHOFF received the Iowa Orthopedic Society Medical Student Research Award, which provides a stipend and partial funding for his research study, "Cam-type Impingement in the Ankle." He is a medical student at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine.

JENNA NICOL and Jesse Vislisl, Iowa City, were married July 18, 2009. Jenna teaches first grade dual language in the West Liberty Community Schools.

KYLE PETERS and **JENNIFER KUIKEN** '10, Iowa City, were married June 26. Jennifer is a physical therapy graduate student at the University of Iowa.

LIZ REEDSTROM and **AUSTIN ZARUBA** '09, Waterloo, were married Oct. 24, 2009, in the Wartburg Chapel.

AARON SAEUGLING and **KIMBERLY WALL**, Epworth, were married Sept. 5, 2009.

JOSEPHINE WILLIAMS and Jordan Winter, Albert Lea, Minn., were married July 31, 2009. Josephine teaches mathematics at Albert Lea High School.

LINDSAY ZEIN and Jim Kuhn, New Hampton, were married June 26.

2009
ANDREW BARND and **MARY-KATE ARNOLD** '10, Birmingham, England, were married July 24. Mary-Kate is in the Master of Fine Arts acting program at Birmingham City University

Conservatory. She performed in the Cedar Falls, Iowa, Community Theatre production of *The Music Man*, June 4-6 and June 11-13.

ALLISON BATES, Marion, is an elementary music teacher in the North Linn Community School District, Troy Mills.

DeETTA BOHLING, Ottawa, Kan., is the marketing and communications manager for the Kansas Corn Growers Association, Kansas Sorghum Producers Association and Kansas Corn Commission, Garnett.

NATHAN CARLSON and Debra Buster, Columbus Junction, were married June 6, 2009.

GARRETT CHRISTESON, West Des Moines, is an account manager with LightEdge Solutions.

SARAH FRAZELL is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Minnesota.

AMY FREESEMAN and Chad Timmins, Ankeny, were married May 8.

KATIE FRIEDLINE, Crystal Lake, Minn., is a case manager for Project RENEW with the Employment Action Center, Minneapolis. RENEW (Renewable Energy Network Empowering Workers) provides training and job placement assistance for people in green construction/deconstruction, manufacturing, renewable energy, and building systems.

NICOLE GAMBLE, Waverly, completed her music therapy internship and is a music therapist at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community.

JOEL HANSON, Cedar Falls, is an accounts receivable/inventory receiving manager with Wheelers Autobody Supply, Waterloo.

ANGELA HARTWIG, Iowa City, is a physical therapy graduate student at the University of Iowa.

ASHLEY KIELER, Verona, Wis., is a systems engineer with Epic.

MATTHEW LANGSTON, Seattle, Wash., is an analytical chemist with Friedman & Bruya, Inc., an environmental testing and consulting firm.

DAMOAN LOTT is an information technology technician in the University of Colorado, Health Sciences Center, Denver, Colo.

JOSHUA McCLUNG and **LINDSAY ZELLE**, Waverly, were married June 26.

SARAH MOON, Sioux City, is a producer with KTIV-TV.

CAITLYN PLATT and Trever Sittig, New Hampton, were married June 7, 2008.

JON SMITH, Walworth, Wis., is an accountant with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, Janesville.

ALLISON STOBIE and Keith Tendall, Traer, were married Sept. 26, 2009.

MICHAEL SYMENS and **MEGAN LAMOS**, Sheffield, were married Sept. 12, 2009.

STEFFANI TOLLEFSON and Michael Nolte, Marion, S.C., were married July 18, 2009. Steffani is a journalist with the Marion Star & Mullins Enterprise.

ERIC ULRICHS, Mount Pleasant, is an area technician with USDA Rural Development.

CHRISTOPHER WOOD, Waterloo, is a Wartburg College admissions counselor.

2010
SPENCER ALBERS is a product developer with Mudd Advertising, Cedar Falls.

DANIELLE ANDERSON is a sales representative with Hormel Foods, Irvine, Calif.

JOE APEL is a graduate student in international relations at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.

LUKE APPLETON and **KENDRA REITER**, Loveland, Colo., were married July 17. Kendra teaches high school English at Resurrection Christian School.

DUSTIN AUEN is a financial advisor/representative with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Carroll.

HANNAH BAKER is a graduate student in genetic counseling at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

AMY BANGTSON teaches third grade in the Denver Public Schools, Denver, Colo.

BRITTANIE BARNETT, Fairfield, is a special education teacher at Pence Elementary School in the Fairfield Community School District.

CASSANDRA BECKER works in sales and marketing at Aspen Fitness Club, Des Moines.

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

NATHAN BEHRENDSEN is a technology consultant with the CUNA Mutual Group, Waverly.

TYLER BENJAMIN is a graduate student at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan.

KELLY BENTER is a graduate student in mental health counseling at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

ANDREW BIEDERMAN is a graduate student at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

MEGAN BIENEMANN is director of telephone research services with Frank N. Magid Associates, Marion.

BRYNDEE BOHEMAN is a graduate student in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Des Moines University, Des Moines.

ASHLEY BOWDEN teaches high school mathematics in the Dunkerton Community School District, Dunkerton.

DREW BOWERS is a foreman apprentice and equipment operator with Bowers Masonry, Inc., Waterloo.

VICTORIA BRESHEARS is a graduate student at Minnesota State University, Mankato, Minn.

KALEY BROWN is a graduate student at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.

KATHERINE CAIN is general manager of the Star Restaurant, Dubuque.

MEGAN CARPENTER is a daycare provider with Waverly Childcare and Preschool, Waverly.

STEPHEN CHAMBERLIN, Madison, Wis., is in quality assurance with Epic Systems, Verona.

RACHEL CLAMAN is associate director for marketing, e-philanthropy, with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Chicago, Ill.

ABBY CLARK is a Title I talented and gifted teacher in the Montezuma Community Schools, Montezuma.

RACHEL COLEMAN is a pharmacy student at Midwestern University, Grove, Ill.

KALLIE YOUNG COOPER, Mason City, is a video editor with Christian Fellowship Church.

ADELA COPE is a graduate student in the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program at Des Moines University, Des Moines.

DREW CORPSTEIN is pursuing a Doctor of Chiropractic degree at Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport.

EMILY DASEN is a research associate II with BioProtection Systems Corp. (BPSC), Ames.

DAINA DEERY is in the accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Allen College, Waterloo.

DEENA DEERY teaches fourth grade in the Cedar Valley Catholic Schools, Waterloo.

SARAH MACHALK den HARDER, Germany, is an English tutor in German high schools.

DAIN DOCKTER is in an executive development program (transportation group and marketer) with Cottingham & Butler, Dubuque.

AUSTIN DRAUDE is a play-by-play sports announcer with KLMJ 104.9, Hampton.

ERIC DREIBELBEIS is a graduate student in the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program at Des Moines University, Des Moines.

ALISE DUFFY is in the accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at South Dakota State University, Sioux Falls, S.D.

SAMUEL DUNN is a law student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

ALLISON ENGEL is a Title I teacher with Orient-Macksburg Community Schools, Orient.

JUSTIN ERICKSON is a law student at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

MITCHELL ESlick is a physical education and computer teacher in the Sigourney Community School District, Sigourney.

ASHLEY EVENS is a graduate student at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

ANNA FAGRE is a graduate student in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine/ Master of Public Health program at Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colo.

TYLER FERRIE, Des Moines, is a customer relations specialist with BCT Midwest.

ALICIA FORD is in the accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Allen College, Waterloo.

MICHAEL FULLAN is a food service sales representative with Hormel Foods, Lebanon, N.J.

NICOLE GARDNER is a graduate student in pharmacology at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.

MICHAEL GERK is a credit analyst with Farmers State Bank, Waterloo.

MOLLY GREENE and Brian Bishop, Ames, were married June 26.

LARISA GREVE is a graduate student in biomedicine at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

MARIAH GRIFFIN is with Community Based Services, Waverly.

HANNAH GUDAL is salon manager at Tan World, Waterloo.

KERRY HAAGE is pursuing a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at Iowa State University, Ames.

JACOB HALL is pursuing a Doctor of Chiropractic degree at Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport.

ABBY HANSON is a graduate student in occupational therapy at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.

JOY HANSON is a medical student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

ELIAS HAROUN, Anchorage, Alaska, is a community support supervisor with HOPE Community Resources.

BLAKE HAUGEN is a computer science graduate student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.

MICHAEL HAVERTAPE is an insurance agent with The Todd Group, Cedar Falls.

KAHRI HEINEMANN is a graduate student in clinical laboratory science at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

DANIEL HENRICH is a dental student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

DeWeerth going to Abu Dhabi to start new college department

Dr. Stephen DeWeerth '85 has been named the founding chair of biomedical engineering at Khalifa University of Science, Technology and Research in Abu Dhabi.

DeWeerth had been a professor in the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering and in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology.

DeWeerth will help establish the curriculum for KUSTAR's biomedical engineering program and research facilities in the field, as well as recruit faculty members.

DeWeerth began at Georgia Tech in 1991 as assistant professor in its School of Electrical and Computer Engineering and was a founding member of the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech and Emory in 1999.

He holds a Ph.D. in computation and neural systems from the California Institute of Technology, an M.S. in computer science also from Cal Tech, and a B.A. in mathematics and chemistry from Wartburg.

His appointment was among senior personnel hires at KUSTAR with the goal of making the college, which was founded in 2007, the leading science, technology and research institution in the region.

Van Ahn, Zietlow receive Iowa business awards

Two Wartburg graduates have received prestigious statewide business awards.

David Van Ahn '64 was named the Solveras/National Federation of Independent Business' Iowa Small Business Champion of the Year. Paul Zietlow '65 received the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors-Iowa's Newell C. Day "Agent of the Year" award.

"Dave Van Ahn's expert testimony on small business issues is highly valued by an Iowa Legislature that too often forgets that small businesses are not smaller versions of bigger businesses," said Kristin Kunert, NFIB's state director.

Van Ahn is owner of Urbandale-based Heartland Investments & Insurance, LLC, an employee benefits brokerage, specializing in helping individuals and small- to medium-sized companies select the most efficient and effective strategies for their employee benefits.

Zietlow, a financial adviser in Ankeny, is a former Wartburg football captain and all-conference player. He was cited as a former president of the Des Moines and state chapters of NAIFA, "a leader in the insurance industry and a role model in the community."

EMILY HEYING is a graduate student in nutritional sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

SUSAN HIGDON, Cedar Falls, is an applications systems analyst at Wartburg College.

ZACHARY HODGE is a graduate student in business administration at the University of Dubuque, Dubuque.

NGAIRE HONEY is a Latin American studies graduate student at Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

ERIC ISAACS is an urban and regional planning student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

CHELSEY JACOBS is an administrative assistant with Tuve Investments, Waterloo.

KATHERINE JASPER is a graduate student in biology at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

ANNA JAVELLANA is a graduate student in music at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

CHELSEA JENSEN is a volunteer with Peace Corps.

DANIELLE JOHNSON is a music therapy student at Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colo.

ERIC JOHNSON and **ERIN SUCHY** were married June 19. Eric is pursuing a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree at Des Moines University, Des Moines. Erin is a social work graduate student at St. Ambrose University, Davenport.

JEREMIAH JOHNSON is a construction worker with Steege Construction, Waverly.

MEGAN JOHNSON and James Stammeyer, Fairbank, were married June 5.

KYLE JORGENSEN is a medical student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

JAMES JUETT is a computer science graduate student at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

NAIYA KHUSHALANI, Urbandale, is a telephone insurance auditor with Information Providers, Inc.

LEAH KING is a student affairs graduate student at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, and works at Wartburg as a residence hall director in The Residence and as residential life service coordinator.

KATIE KINSETH is a postgraduate intern with ME&V, Cedar Falls.

JOHN KOEHLER is an optometry student at Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

JENNY KORDICK works with the wildlife habitat campaign for the Sierra Club, Washington, D.C.

ABBIE KOTTKE, Fredericksburg, is student employment coordinator at Wartburg College.

JUSTIN KROGMANN is an associate programmer/analyst with Hormel Foods, Austin, Minn.

RANDY KRUEGER is a staff auditor with Deloitte & Touche, Minneapolis, Minn.

TRAVIS KRUGER, Ann Arbor, Mich., is a medical student at the University of Michigan.

AMANDA KUIKEN teaches science in the Cedar Falls Community School District, Cedar Falls.

BRYCE LAHMANN is a team leader with Target Distribution, Cedar Falls.

RILIND LATIFI, Arlington, Va., is an intern with the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

KELSEY LEE is a medical student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

KERN LOEST is a computer science graduate student at Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas.

KRISTIN MacDONALD, West Des Moines, is a physical therapy graduate student at Des Moines University, Des Moines.

EMILY MAIDEN is a social work graduate student at St. Ambrose University, Davenport.

SARA MATCHULAT is a divinity graduate student at Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque.

KELLY McCARVILLE, Cresco, is a parts manager with Campsite RV.

JESSICA McCLELLAN is a music education graduate student at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, Mo.

KIEL MERFELD is a staff account with Reglera, Lakewood, Colo.

BENJAMIN MESSERLI is a sport management graduate student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.

KELSEY MEYER teaches first grade in the Webster City Community School District, Webster City.

KELLY MEYERS and Andrew Johnson, Waverly, were married Aug. 15 in the Wartburg Chapel.

GEOFFREY MILLER is a biological chemistry graduate student at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.

SHAWN MILLIKEN is a graphic designer with Mudd Advertising, Cedar Falls.

AMANDA MULHOLLAND is an executive team leader with Target, Cedar Falls.

EMILY MORSE is pursuing a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree at Des Moines University, Des Moines.

JOSEPH MULDOON is a seaman in the nuclear field with the U.S. Navy, Charleston, S.C.

ABHAY NADIPURAM is a law student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

NICOLE NEWBROUGH is a news reporter with KWWL TV-7, Waterloo.

JANE OHDE is pursuing a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree at Des Moines University, Des Moines.

AMY OSHEIM is a medical staff coordinator with Waverly Health Center, Waverly.

ANDREW OTT is an optometry student at Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, Ill.

AMANDA PAIGE is a physical therapy graduate student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

JENNIFER PAPPAS is a department manager with Pella Corp., Pella.

CHELSEA PARROTT, Waterloo, is a client services representative with Mudd Advertising, Cedar Falls.

JORDAN PAULUS is a health and benefits actuarial analyst with Towers Watson & Co., Denver, Colo.

JENNIFER KUIKEN PETERS, Iowa City, is a physical therapy graduate student at the University of Iowa.

BRANDON PETERSEN, Carroll, is a department manager with Pella Corp.

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

KARTIKA PUTRI is pursuing a master's degree in organ and church music at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.

LALAINA RABARY, Cedar Falls, is a development coordinator with Quakerdale, New Providence.

CARA RADA is a research assistant at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

ELLEN RICKERT is a manufacturing engineer with John Deere Cylinder Division, Moline, Ill.

AMANDA RIDDLE is a biology graduate student at Iowa State University, Ames.

ASHLEY RITTER and Levi Anderson, Eldora, were married June 26.

JARED ROBB, West Des Moines, is a MIS specialist with Citi, Urbandale.

ABIGAYLE ROBISON is a law student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

MARGARET SCHATZBERG is a graduate student in music at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

KYLE SCHAULS is a sports management graduate student at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich.

ERIK SCHMIDT is a job site superintendant with Verdant Environmental Services, Omaha, Neb.

KAYLA SCHMITZ teaches K-12 vocal music in the Murray Community School District, Murray.

ASHLEY SCHROEDER is in the finance development program with Deere & Co.

ALLISON SCHULZ is a management trainee with Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Rochester, Minn.

MELISSA SECHRIST is a social work graduate student at St. Ambrose University, Davenport.

ANGELICA SHAFFER is an ARRA assistant with USDA Rural Development, Waverly.

STACI SIEREN is a dental student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

CODY SIMPSON is a project coordinator with Aegon, Cedar Rapids.

CAITLYN PLATT SITTIG, New Hampton, is an elementary special education teacher with the Waterloo Community Schools, Waterloo.

CHRISTINA SLOAN is a medical student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

RANDY SPAIN, Brighton, is an accountant with Professional Office Services, Waterloo.

SARAH STEARNS, Des Moines, teaches third grade at River Woods Elementary in the Des Moines Public School District.

JOSHUA STIBB is a graduate student in divinity and biblical studies at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

MALLORY STOCKS is a 5-12 band director in the Burlington Notre Dame Schools, Burlington.

NICHOLAS and **ELIZABETH METTLER STRANDBERG**, International Falls, Minn., announce the birth of Mara Catherine, Oct. 1, 2009. Nicholas is a K-12 music instructor with Indus School, Birchdale. Elizabeth is a choral director in the International Falls School District.

SPENCER STUMPF is a physical education graduate student at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

BRODY SUDDENDORF, Plainview, Texas, is an accounting associate with Cargill.

TAYLOR SUTTON is a law student at Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.

TRAVIS TEMPLE teaches physical education and health in the Janesville Consolidated School District, Janesville.

LAUREN THOMAS is a sales membership consultant with 24 Hour Fitness, Austin, Texas.

STEPHANIE THRALL is a pharmacy student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

ANDREW TORKELSON is a pharmacy graduate student at Palm Beach Atlantic University, West Palm Beach, Fla.

SAMANTHA TRAEGER is a community care case manager with Mid-Iowa Therapy, Waterloo.

PHILLIP TREXEL is a graduate student at Argosy University, Eagan, Minn.

AMY TUCKER is a Destination Iowa State graduate assistant with Iowa State University, Ames.

JARED TUCKER is a K-5 physical education teacher with the Griswold Community Schools, Griswold, and the Walnut Community School District, Walnut.

LUCAS ULLESTAD is a sport management graduate student at Minnesota State University, Mankato, Minn.

OLIVIA VERICK is a graduate student in counseling at St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Minn.

SARAH VOELS, Waterloo, is a library assistant at the Cedar Falls Public Library, Cedar Falls.

KYLE VOWELL is a resort manager with The Inn at Okobojo, Okobojo.

ALLEN WEAVER, Urbandale, is in the management training program with Sherwin-Williams, Des Moines.

LOGAN WEBB is a graduate student at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Fla.

JOSHUA WEGMANN is a production supervisor with United Equipment Accessories, Waverly.

STACI WENTHOLD is a loan sales specialist with Wells Fargo, Des Moines.

BRENDELYN WHITE is a quality engineer with Deere & Company, Waterloo.

JOLENE WIERSCHKE, Ingolstadt, Bavaria, Germany, is a nanny.

ROBERT WIMS is a mechanical engineering graduate student at Iowa State University, Ames.

HANNA WUERTZ is a school psychology graduate student at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

COLLEEN ZACK is a graduate student in divinity and youth and family at Denver Seminary, Littleton, Colo.

AUSTIN ZARUBA is a 5-12 vocal music teacher with the Riverside Community School District, Oakland.

JENNA ZENK is an optometry student at Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, Ill.

Visit the Holy Land with alumni friends

Travel through "The Land of Jesus: Still a Holy Land" with the Rev. Dr. Walter "Chip" Bouzard to see the stories of the Bible unfold when you walk along the paths of the early church.

In 2011, Wartburg College alumni and friends will have the opportunity to enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, walk the Palm Sunday Road and the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, see the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square in Bethlehem and visit Nazareth, where Jesus grew up. Additionally, travelers will participate in devotional and worship opportunities coordinated by the Rev. Ramona Bouzard, Wartburg's Dean of the Chapel.

The tour will be from June 3 to 15, 2011, with an optional four-day extension to Egypt.

For more information, visit www.wartburg.edu/alumni/programs.html.



In Memoriam



Schmidt, Kramer leave legacy of service at Wartburg

Dr. Warren F. Schmidt and Dr. Melvin L. Kramer devoted a combined 81 years of service to Wartburg College.

Schmidt, who died June 9 at the age of 89, taught in the music department and served as college organist from 1950 to 1991. Kramer, who died July 19 at the age of 82, taught in the business administration and economics department from 1956 to 1996.

Schmidt was a graduate of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., and earned a Master of Music degree at the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. at the University of Iowa. A prolific recitalist, he performed in 13 U.S. states and on 21 European recital tours between 1965 and 1995 and was a Fulbright Scholar in Germany in 1954-55. He also served as organist and music coordinator at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly from 1974 to 1986.

"One of my favorite memories is attending chapel and campus services when Dr. Schmidt played the organ in Neumann Aud., wrote Leann Hohensee Skeens '83 in an online memorial guestbook. "I can still hear the music of *For All the Saints*. The Lord used Dr. Schmidt's musical gift to touch many hearts."

Kramer graduated from Wartburg in 1952 after serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He earned his master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Iowa, then returned to Wartburg as chair of the business department.

"Inheriting a commercial department with an emphasis on secretarial skills and office practice, Mel almost single-handedly converted it into a department of business administration and economics," said Dr. Ronald Matthias '54, professor emeritus of history, in remarks at Kramer's funeral. "During 27 years of leadership as chair of the department, he created, he built, he innovated. He blazed the way with student internships and 'hands on' experiences."

After retiring from Wartburg, Kramer was elected to two terms on the Waverly City Council. He was also a mediator and negotiator for the State of Iowa, a past president of the Waverly-Shell Rock School Board and a former Wartburg tennis coach.

Schmidt's survivors include his wife, Mary, of Waverly; sons Peter M. Schmidt of Peoria, Ill., and Paul W. Schmidt '79 of Lafayette, Calif.; daughter Gretchen Schmidt '73 of Louisville, Colo.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Kramer is survived by his wife, Rosemarie Gayer Kramer '53, of Waverly; son Bradley Kramer of Waverly; daughters Kathryn Kingery '91 of Tripoli, Diane Kramer '84 of St. Louis Park, Minn., and Carolyn Kramer of Moorhead, Minn., 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

1933

EDNA KEILWITZ BASTJAN, Appleton, Wis., died Dec. 27 at the St. Paul Home, Kaukauna, Wis. She was a former teacher at Zion Lutheran School in Appleton and had also lived in Fond du Lac and Milwaukee, Wis., and Washington, D.C.

1939

BARBARA FREYMILLER BLACK, Rossville, Ill., died April 5 at the Paxton Nursing Home. She earned her teaching degree at Wartburg and taught in rural Iowa for two years before attending nursing school in Milwaukee, Wis. She served in the U.S. Army as a registered nurse during World War II and continued her nursing career for 40 years. She worked at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Danville, Ill., for 18 years before her retirement in 1982.

1940

MARGARET DROSTE BRAULICK, San Antonio, Texas, died June 25. She was a Waverly native and a former member of the Wartburg College Alumni Board. She was active as church organist, choir director, teacher and hostess in the parishes served by her husband, the late Rev. Dr. Roald Braulick '32. Her funeral was held at Shepherd of the King Lutheran Church in San Antonio, where the couple spent 17 years in ministry.

1944

MARY JEAN RACHUT BERN, Cedar Rapids, died March 1 at St. Luke's Hospital. She taught home economics and business before her marriage and was registrar at St. Luke's School of Nursing for 20 years before her retirement.

The Rev. **CHARLES HART**, New Ulm, Minn., died July 22 at Oak Hills Living Center. After graduating from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, in May 1946, he served Christ Lutheran Church, Nauvoo, Ill.; Zion Lutheran Church Jubilee, La Porte City, and St. John Lutheran Church, Arlington. He then became chaplain at the Mental Health Institute, Independence, and developed a program of clinical pastoral education that trained more than 500 students. He retired

in July 1986 and subsequently served as a chaplain at Allen Hospital, Waterloo, and as an interim pastor in five Northeast Iowa parishes.

ROSE DUERSCHNER KOHL, Madison, Wis., died April 18 at Oakwood Retirement Village. She taught first grade for three years in North Platte, Neb., and spent 50 years serving with her late husband, the Rev. Kenneth Kohl '46, at churches in Phillipsburg, Kan., and Richland Center, Waupun, Thiensville and Madison, Wis. They retired to Madison in 1989. She was involved in church music, education, womens groups and Bible study.

JANE BRECHNER SAUERBREI, Waverly, died June 26 at Covenant Medical Center, Waterloo. She was an active member of Redeemer Lutheran Church and volunteered with the Waverly Senior Citizen Center and Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community. She was a charter board member of the Waverly Hospital Auxiliary, served as president of D.A.R. and was active in Girl Scouts.

1946

WILFRED R. "BILL" NIEWOEHNER, Fredericksburg, died Feb. 11 of cancer. A retired farmer, he was a former deacon and financial secretary for his church, a charter member of the NEIA Antique and Power Show and a volunteer for the Plum Creek Bike and Nature Trail.

1949

The Rev. **ROBERT A. HERRBOLDT**, Sun City, Ariz., died Dec. 22. He was ordained in February 1952 and served American Lutheran churches in Canada, Kansas and Nebraska. Following his retirement from the ministry, he became a nursing home administrator in Brush, Colo., retiring from that position in 1992.

MARY STOLLFUS SHARRATT, Fond du Lac, Wis., died Nov. 26 at St. Agnes Hospital. She was a retired elementary school teacher and was a resident of Fond du Lac Lutheran Home at the time of her death.

The Rev. **RUDY WENDEL**, Fredericksburg, Texas, died March 16 at Hill County Memorial Hospital. A graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, he was ordained in June 1953 and served congregations in Texas prior to his commissioning as a missionary in 1957. He served in Ethiopia until 1960, then returned to the parish ministry in Bloomfield, Boyden, Lost Nation and Fort Dodge, Iowa, and Elmore, Minn. During those years, he also completed a teaching degree, spent one year as an English teacher in Keokuk, Iowa, and earned a master's degree in counseling at the University of South Dakota. After retiring in 1989 to a small farm in his home state of Texas, he continued to serve as a supply pastor and worked as a part-time gas station attendant.

1950

The Rev. **ALWIN W. THOMACK**, Monroe, Mich., died Sept. 26, 2009. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II before enrolling at Wartburg College and graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, in 1952. He served churches in Edinburg, Texas; Fallon, Mont.; Neligh, Neb.; Logan and Hill City, Kan.; Olwell and Terre Haute, Ind.; and Metropolis and Litchfield, Ill. Following his retirement in 1985, he continued as a visitation pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Litchfield, Ill. He and his wife moved to Michigan in 2007 to live with a daughter.

1951

KATHERINE SMITH JONES, West Union, died May 23 at Gundersen Lutheran Hospital, La Crosse, Wis. After majoring in history at Wartburg, she taught at West Union High School and Northeast Iowa Community College and served as an elementary special education associate. She also taught adult tailoring classes.

BURNELL O. OPPERMAN, Oelwein, died Dec. 12 at Mercy Living Plus. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, then served as postal clerk at the U.S. Postal Service in Oelwein for 35 years retiring in 1984. A member of Zion Lutheran Church, he was

a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the El Kahir Shrine, and a former Little League manager and assistant Boy Scout troop leader.

1952

CHARLES L. ADAMS, Cedar Falls, died May 27 at Sartori Memorial Hospital. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict. He retired in 1994 from McCoskey Furniture and Carpet Land, where he was a carpet salesman.

1953

ELDEN A. REISSETTER, Des Moines, died April 1 at the Veteran's Administration Living Center. He earned a master's degree in music from the University of Iowa, Iowa City. Following service with the U.S. Army Band, he taught instrumental music in Dumont, Garner and Johnston schools. He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and volunteered with the Gideons of Iowa. He performed with the River City and Pride of Iowa Barbershop Choruses for more than 50 years and played string bass in several bands, most recently the Johnston Station Jazz Band. He ran the Iowa Classic Dam to Dam 20k race 15 times, finished the Des Moines marathon, achieved a first degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do at age 72 and traveled on an international pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

The **REV. ARTHUR F. ROEPKE**, Oelwein, died July 9 at the Oelwein Care Center. A graduate of the Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, he was ordained in 1957 and served as a Lutheran missionary in New Guinea for 32 years, returning to Oelwein in 1989.

The Rev. **GEORGE W. UTECH**, Pittsford, N.Y., died Sept. 11, 2009, of cancer. A graduate of Trinity Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, he was a leader in the youth ministry of the American Lutheran Church and served as president of the ALC International Luther League. He did graduate work in England and at the University of Iowa, was ordained as a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and served as chaplain

at Texas Lutheran College, Seguin, Texas. He had lived in Pittsford, N.Y., since 1968. He wrote poetry, published hymn texts and developed many photography exhibits for family and friends.

1954

JOYCE GRAU PIEPER, Emden, Ill., died Oct. 28, at Hopedale Nursing Home of multi-infarct dementia. She was an elementary school teacher in Dubuque County, Iowa; Gavin School District, Fox Lake, Ill.; and Hartem Elementary School in Emden for 20 years. She founded the preschool at St. Peter Lutheran, Emden, and taught there for 10 years before her retirement.

1956

RAYMONA WHITE LARSON, Albert Lea, Minn., died June 11 at the Lake Mills Care Center in Lake Mills, Iowa, of cancer. She was an elementary teacher in the Emmons Public School until her marriage in 1960, then stayed at home to raise her family and promote the family business, Larcrest Holsteins. She completed her bachelor's degree at the age of 58 at Mankato State University and was a substitute teacher in the Emmons and Glenville school districts from 1977 until February 2010. A lifelong member of Concordia Bear Lake Lutheran Church, she also was active in 4-H and served as a 4-H leader for many years.

1957

The Rev. **MERLIN BARTELT**, Alexandria, Minn., died March 8 of cancer. He graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and was ordained in 1961. During his ministry, he served churches in Wausau, Green Bay, Eau Claire and Racine, Wis., and Waseca and Alexandria, Minn. He retired on June 18, 2000, the 39th anniversary of his ordination. In retirement he remained active with visitation work, Bible study leadership and substitute preaching.

1959

PAUL R. REBELEIN, New Brighton, Minn., died Jan. 17 of myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS). After earning a master's

degree in mathematics from the University of Minnesota, he became a successful computer engineer. He worked with the earliest room-sized computers at Aberdeen Proving Grounds and at Control Data participated in the first transmission of computer data from Minnesota to California over phone lines. He was a project manager at Honeywell and Alliant Techsystems and developed the algorithm used to schedule experiments for the Apollo XIII mission. After retirement, he worked for the Lutheran Laity Movement as a consultant for Lutheran churches doing capital fund drives. He served on the New Brighton City Council for seven years and as president of three Lutheran congregations. He was instrumental in starting Community Partners with Youth, a nonprofit organization serving at-risk youth. He encouraged companion relationships between local congregations and churches in Tanzania and Nigeria, which resulted in construction of a medical clinic in Bille, Nigeria. He is credited with starting the St. Philip's Disaster Relief Team at his church, served on numerous congregation and synod committees and was awarded an honorary Paul Harris Fellowship by the New Brighton/Mounds View Rotary Club in recognition of his service to the local and global community.

1960

Dr. **ROBERT S. HERFORTH**, Roseville, Minn., died June 18 at home. He earned a Ph.D. in zoology and physiology from the University of Nebraska in 1968, then served as professor of biology at Augsburg College, Minneapolis for 40 years. He retired in 2007.

VERNON A. MAZEMKE, Neenah, Wis., died Jan. 17.

The Rev. **PAUL W. ROTHFUSZ**, West Des Moines, died April 28 at home. He graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, and studied for two years at the University of Iowa School of Religion. He served congregations in Elkader, Atlantic, Armstrong, Holmes and Eagle Grove, Iowa. Upon retirement, he moved

to Weslaco, Texas, where he served as the first coordinator of the ELCA Companion Synod Program between the Western Iowa Synod and the Southern Diocese of the ELCT in Tanzania.

1961

LARRY E. HENRIKSEN, Floyds Knobs, Ind., died Sept. 5, 2008.

1969

WAYNE O. STIER, Ocean View, Hawaii, died May 30, 2009. He was an actor, writer, sculptor, humorist, teacher and world traveler. He was diagnosed with cancer in his 20s and given a less than 50 percent chance of living more than five years. He died at the age of 62. He wrote his memoir, *Stars When the Sun Shines*, three other books and numerous magazine articles.

1971

DENNIS PERRY, Ida Grove, died June 22 at Horn Memorial Hospital. Early in his career, he taught school for six years in Webster City and later at Ida Grove and coached middle school football and basketball. For more than 30 years, he served as marketing service director for Northwest Rural Electric Cooperative. He was a volunteer fireman from 1979 to 1982, served on the board of Horn Memorial Hospital, was an active member of his church, served as an unofficial ambassador of Ida Grove, and supported various school and community events.

1973

CHRISTINE WIKERT KLUEMPER, Le Mars, died April 9 at home after a brief illness. She taught English and Spanish at Hinton High School for 14 years. In 1987 she joined the Pride Group in Le Mars as an adult basic education instructor and resident services coordinator.

1975

DOROTHY CAMPBELL MULHOLLAND, Spring Valley, Minn., died May 6 at Seasons Hospice, Rochester, Minn. of brain cancer. She worked as a medical laboratory scientist at Community Memorial Hospital in Spring Valley for 23 years, serving as lab supervisor for much of that time. After the hospital closed, she continued

her work at the Austin Medical Center.

1984

JAY D. BEAN, Oxford, Ga., died June 29 in Orlando, Fla., of a heart attack. He was a two-sport athlete at Wartburg, lettering in football and wrestling. He was an Iowa Conference heavyweight champion and won All-American honors his senior year with a seventh-place national. In his professional life, he worked with juvenile delinquents, helping them to become productive adults.

1987

PENNY BROOKS TAYLOR, Milton, Fla., died June 6 of cancer. She was a graduate of Virginia Beach Junior College in Virginia and worked at KinderCare in Virginia Beach before enrolling at Wartburg. After graduating, she taught elementary school in Guam until moving to Milton, Fla., with her family. She was director of KidStuff in Milton until her marriage in 1996 and had been employed at East Milton Elementary School for the past two years.

Former Faculty and Staff

Dr. **C. ARTHUR CHRISTIANSEN**, St. Paul, Minn. died July 9. He came to Wartburg in 1973 as assistant to the dean of the faculty and visiting professor of biology and served as acting vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty in 1978-79.

FLORA DeWIT, Shell Rock, died June 17 at the Community Nursing Home in Clarksville. She worked in food service until her retirement in 1985.

DORLENA WINKELMAN, Waverly, died April 29 at the Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community of cancer. She worked in maintenance at Wartburg College for 15 years, retiring in 1984.

Klahsen, Gamez Sims named to Alumni Board

Two current Minnesotans — Rick Klahsen '86 and Barbara Gamez Sims '98 — have been named to the Wartburg Alumni Board.



Jane and Rick Klahsen (left) and Barbara Gamez Sims and Paul Sims (right)

Klahsen, of Eden Prairie, an accounting major at Wartburg, is a managing director/partner with McGladrey & Pullen, a certified public accounting firm that is the fifth largest U.S. provider of assurance, tax and consulting services. He is based in the national office in Minneapolis as the national practice leader for its private client services division. He provides the firm's tax knowledge management leader, provides national leadership and strategic direction to tax professionals in 85 locations.

Klahsen was a non-traditional student at Wartburg — already married to his wife, Jane (also a Wartburg student), and with two children. He worked full-time as an underwriting employee at Century Companies (now CUNA), while a student, and served as an occasional driver for President Robert Vogel and the men and women's basketball teams.

He was named Accounting Professional of the Year by the Baruch College Accounting Society, a student accounting organization at Baruch College in New York City, in 2006.

He has served on the United Way board of directors in Dubuque and on the boards of two United Way-funded agencies in St. Louis, as well as holding administrative positions with Lutheran congregations in St. Louis and Minnesota.

Gamez Sims, who lives in Rochester, was a biology major at Wartburg who earned her law degree at Marquette University in 2003.

After working as an attorney in private practice for two years, she joined Mayo Clinic in 2005. As the technology licensing manager, she patents and licenses intellectual property and drafts license, research and other documents with third parties — getting “inventions from Mayo Clinic to patients around the world.”

While at Wartburg, she was Student Senate vice president, sang in the Castle Singers and was both co-chair of the Homecoming Committee and a member of the Homecoming court.

Since graduation, she has represented Wartburg at college fairs, hosted the 2008 Outfly in Rochester and was on the Homecoming Reunion Committee for the Class of 1998.

Wartburg alumni interested in a position on the board can apply at www.wartburg.edu/alumni/staff.html. The deadline is March 1.

Orange Opportunity Funding Scholarships and Futures



Wartburg encourages alumni and friends to create 100 new scholarships through OrangeOpportunity to impact the lives of current and future students. The expanded scholarship resources will contribute in many ways:

Encouraging students to attain their goal of a college education

Scholarships can make the Wartburg experience possible for students from diverse backgrounds when family

finances might prevent them from attending college or limit their choices.

Contributing toward sustained enrollment

Tuition and fees account for more than two-thirds of the college's operating revenues, while endowment income provides less than 3 percent. Increased scholarship funding will contribute toward stable enrollment, while keeping a Wartburg education within the means of future generations.

Relieving stress on the college financial aid budget

More than 90 percent of Wartburg students receive scholarships or other financial aid. Overall, Wartburg spends about \$23 million on financial aid — nearly 34 percent of its annual operating expenses. Expanded scholarships can free up funds for other critical resources, including essential technology and research experiences for students.

Helping Wartburg attract the best and brightest students

In a time of intense competition, scholarships often determine where the top students will enroll.

To establish a scholarship or obtain more information on how you can make a difference at Wartburg:

Call 866-219-9115 (toll-free) or 319-352-8495.

E-mail development@wartburg.edu.

Visit <http://www.wartburg.edu/orangeopp>

Dynamic speakers headline convocations

- Oct. 12 — 2007 World Food Prize winner Dr. Philip Nelson
- Oct. 21 — Wartburg professor Dr. Scott Fullwiler, *Investing in Social Change* *
- Nov. 2 — Kent Stock, former Norway, Iowa, high school baseball coach whose team was depicted in the movie, *The Final Season*
- Nov. 16 — Marshall Auerback, global financial strategist, Corporation Education Day**
- Feb. 22 — First President's Convocation, featuring former Chicago Tribune reporter Richard Longworth, author of *Caught in the Middle: America's Heartland in the Age of Globalism*
- March 22 — Dr. Mark Edmundson, noted essayist and cultural critic, Michaelson, Briner and Kildahl Literary Symposium

All convocations are at 11:30 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium unless otherwise noted

* Wartburg Chapel **McCaskey Lyceum

<http://www.wartburg.edu/convo/>



Wartburg Community Symphony

www.wartburg.edu/symphony

Voyage of Discovery, Oct. 23, 8 p.m. — Holst's *The Planets* performed to a real-time 3D animation video of NASA photos of the planets

Now Hear That, Dec. 11, 2 p.m. — Garrison Keillor's *Young Lutheran's Guide to the Orchestra*

Key Sounds, Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m. — Pianist Franck Weins in Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*

Music to My Ears, April 16, 7:30 p.m. — Award-winning organist Christopher Houlihan in Poulenc's *Concerto for Organ and Strings*

Wartburg Players

Rashomon; Nov. 5, 6, 11, 12, 13; 7:30 p.m., McCaskey Lyceum
A crime witnessed by four individuals is recalled in four contradictory ways.

Oliver! Feb. 10, 11, 12; 7:30 p.m., Neumann Auditorium
Wartburg Players, the music department and children team up in the musical based on the Charles Dickens novel.

Kosher Lutherans; April 1, 2, 7, 8, 9; 7:30 p.m., McCaskey Lyceum
A childless Jewish couple pose as Lutherans while trying to adopt a baby from a pregnant Iowa teen.

Feb. 5 Wartburg celebrates the 75th anniversary of its basketball team



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Oct. 21-24
Homecoming
2010

Christmas with Wartburg

Dec. 3

Lutheran Church of Hope,
West Des Moines, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 4

Neumann Auditorium
3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 5

Neumann Auditorium, 3 p.m.

Artist Series

A Second Helping: Church Basement Ladies Sequel

Jan. 25

2 and 7:30 p.m.

Stringfever

Feb. 17

7:30 p.m.

New York Theatre Ballet: Alice in Wonderland

March 15

7:30 p.m.

All shows in Neumann Auditorium



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Amanda Gahler '11 captured this photo of fireworks at Walston-Hoover Stadium, Sept. 4. The display capped a festive Community Night that began with a tailgate at Regents Park as Wartburg kicked off its 75th anniversary football season with a 27-7 win over nationally ranked Monmouth (Ill.) College. Wartburg will "Celebrate Community" during 2010-11, which marks its 75th consecutive year in Waverly.